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CATHEDRAL-CHURCH
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With an ACCOUNT of the

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TO THE
Right Reverend FATHER in GOD
J O H N,
LORD BISHOP of
W O R C E S T E R.

MY LORD,



OUR *Lordship's* favourable Acceptance of my Antiquities of *Malvern*, and of my new Edition of Sir *William Dugdale's* Antiquities of *Warwickshire* (for which you were pleased generously to reward me, far beyond any Desert of mine) makes me become a bold Petitioner to your *Lordship* for your gracious Protection of the Book I now present unto you, as a publick Testimony of my Gratitude, the only poor Return that I can make unto your *Lordship* for all your Favours.

The *first* Part of it contains a more regular and exact Survey of your *Lordship's* Cathedral-Church than has been as yet published; many Inscriptions added; and adorned with

the Cuts of the best Monuments in it: And the *Second* gives an Account of the Lives and Actions of your Lordship's Predecessors, from the first Foundation of the See, to the Times of the Reformation, extracted chiefly from your own valuable Registers, and from those of your Reverend Dean and Chapter; both which furnished me with many Materials; and from whence I have transcribed and added in the Appendix many Original Papers and Letters, which have long lain a Prey to Moths and Worms, and are in several Places scarcely legible.

Hemming's Chartulary, which gives a great Light to the History of your Lordship's See, and to many Donations of Lands thereto, I have digested in order of Time, and given an Account of the Deeds therein under every Bishop's Life, according to their Dates; whereby it appeareth that many of them were not the least of Benefactors to it, and that by their Care, and Diligence, and Piety, it arrived to the Riches and Affluency it formerly enjoy'd, till plunder'd in iniquitous Times by Covetous Great Men, and seven of its best Manors out of twenty-three, taken away from it.

That *Christianity* was very early planted in this Island, is agreed upon by all our Historians; one of your Lordship's learned Predecessors hath in his *Antiquities of the British Churches* with great Probability asserted, that it was done by *St. Paul* himself; and where he planted Churches, he ordained and settled *Bishops* to feed, direct and govern the several Flocks committed to their Charge. This is also confirmed by what your Lordship's immediate Predecessor (famous for his great Accurateness in these Matters) says in his *Account of Church Government in Britain*, Ch. iii. p. 71. that the *Christian Religion* here was the same as was in all other Provinces of the
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Roman Empire; and that while that Empire stood, the Christians of this and the other Provinces were all in Communion together, and consequently under the same Government of a Dioceſan Epiſcopacy, not only in Name, but in Authority, the ſame as is now eſtabliſhed in this Kingdom; tho' for want of antient Writings we are left too much in the dark, and cannot produce plain Inſtances of it, or give a clear Account how many Sees it then had, or the Names of the Biſhops of them. And no wonder; for upon the coming of the *Saxons*, an Heatheniſh rude and barbarous People, the *Chriſtians* of this *Iſland* were drove into a Corner, amongſt Rocks and inaccessible Mountains, and all their Monuments of Learning deſtroyed; for ſo *Gildas* tells us, that *all their Cities and Churches were burnt to the Ground, the Inhabitants killed by the Sword, or buried in the Ruins of Houſes and Altars, which were defiled with the Blood of the Slain; in which horrible Devaſtation the Rulers of the Church and the Priests ſuffered together with the common People.* But upon their Converſion, *Chriſtianity* again flouriſhed, and *St. Auguſtin*, who began the Work, founded it on the ſame Foot of Epiſcopal Government with the *Britiſh* that ſtill remained; with whom he had no Difference about their *Order*, but about Submiſſion to the See of *Rome*; for that denying all uſurped Authority, they would be ſubject to none but their own Archbiſhop. Fourſcore and two Years after his coming into this Land, was your *Lordſhip's* See firſt erected, taken out of that of *Litchfield*, at the Command of Archbiſhop *Theodore*. *Tatfrith*, nominated to it, dying before Conſecration, *Boſel* became the firſt Biſhop, from whom, down to your Lordſhip, we have a very clear Succeſſion; and many of them are ſaid to have been very great and learned Men; as, *Boſel* and *Oſtfor*, bred up at *Hilda's* famous Monastery of *Streonſhale*, to whom ſucceeded pious *Egwin*, the Founder of *Eweſham-Abbey*; to him, *Wilfrid*,

frid, vir eximiae religionis, a Man of extraordinary Piety ; after these, *Alhun*, who built the Church at *Kemsey*, and *Werefrieth*, in the Holy Scriptures most learned, who at the Command of King *Alfred*, elegantly translated Pope *Gregory's Pastoral* into the *Saxon* Tongue. Under these and several others, good and pious Bishops, Virtue flourished among the *Wiccians*, and Religion prospered till King *Edgar's* Days, when the Disputes between the Regulars and Seculars rose to a great Height, and *Secular* Power was called in, to pull down *Secular Priests* ; when under a lustful Prince, Pride, Ambition, and Luxury too much abounded, and scandalous were the Vices both of Clergy and Laity. Which Disorders ended in another Devastation, and the *Danes* were brought over by God to be a Scourge to the *Saxons*, as they had been before to the *Britains*.

But *Cnut* put an End to the *Danish* Cruelty ; and to make Amends for the Ravages and Desolations made by himself and his Ancestors, he built several Churches, repaired many Monasteries, and endowed the same with many Manors, believing according to the Opinion of those Times, that the *Monks* would say so many *Masses* and *Requiems*, as would atone for the Blood shed by them, and pray their *Souls* out of *Purgatory*.

It was not long after, that the *Normans* came in ; *Wolstan* was then Bishop, the last of the *Saxons* that was so, and one of the best of them : For Historians give this Character of Him, that though he was not very learned, yet he was very *pious, chaste, sober, temperate, humble, just, devout*, and very *charitable*, for which they gave him the Name of *Saint*, and with much more Reason than they had given it before to *Oswald* ; who, to raise the Monks, and oppress the *Seculars*,
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alienated the *Patrimony* of the *Church*, leasing out for Lives to his Friends and Followers one hundred ninety Hides out of three hundred that then belonged to it. Under the Reigns of our *Norman* Kings the Church of *Rome* grew to a monstrous Height of Superiority, and of Usurped Power: Upon which several Laws were made to restrain it in this Kingdom, and many Bishops publickly opposed it. *Walter de Cantilupe*, one of your Lordship's Predecessors, a Man of Birth, and of a stout Heart, in a publick Synod opposed the Exaction of the *Pope's Legate*, and withstood him to his Face. *Giffard*, his Successor, was as courageous as He, and both of them were very munificent; the one began your Lordship's Castle at *Hertlebury*, and the other finish'd it.

Some Time after them *Cobham* shew'd himself to the World to be as great, as munificent as any of those that had sat in this See before him, who for his exemplary Piety, and Charity, and good Works, was deservedly called the GOOD CLERK.

Several others of them were in the greatest Posts of the Kingdom: *Walter de Grey* and *Nicholas de Ely* Lord-Chancellors; *Thoresby* Lord-Chancellor and Archbishop of *York*; *Walter Reynold* Lord-Treasurer and Chancellor, and afterwards Archbishop of *Canterbury*: *Barnet* and *Wakefield*, both Lord-Treasurers; *Alcock* and *Heath*, both Lord-Chancellors; *Whitgift* Lord-President of *Wales*, and Primate of *England*. Nor did it want Confessors and Martyrs, as *Lattimer* and *Hooper*. Such a Succession of great and learned Men is an Honour to your Lordship's See, as well as to your sacred Function; and will, notwithstanding the Prejudice of Education and the Ignorance of misguided Zeal, recommend *Episcopacy* to the World; under the Government of which
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excellent *Order* we doubt not but that the Church of *Christ* will be always establish'd and happy.

Under your LORDSHIP's Government and Protection, we of this Diocese are truly sensible that we are so, there being no *Virtue* in any of your LORDSHIP's Predecessors but what shines bright in Y O U, and adorns our present Church.

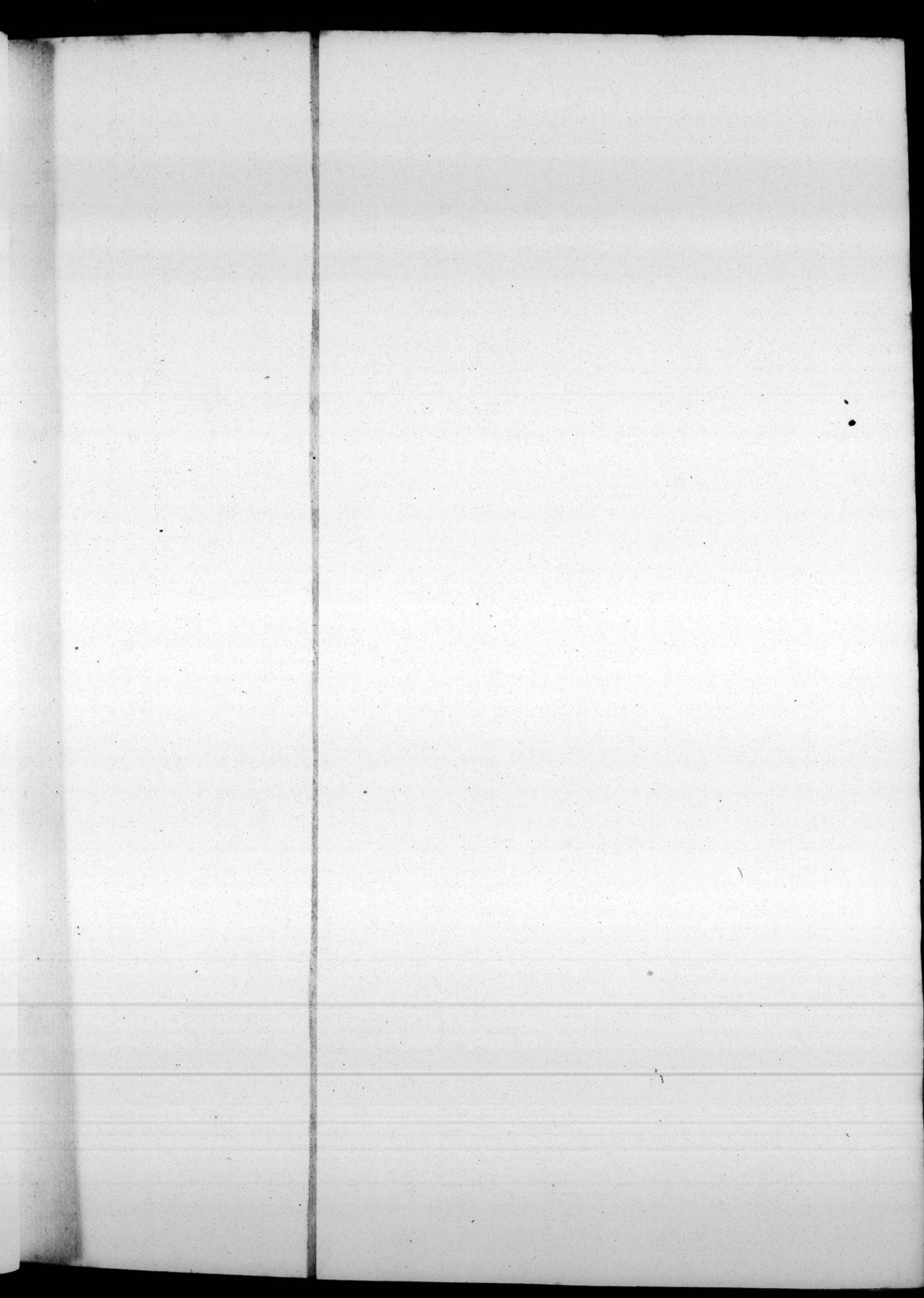
I dare not add more on this Head, lest I should break in upon your LORDSHIP's pleasant Retirement, which all who know you wish you may long enjoy; but none more sincerely than,

My LORD,

Your LORDSHIP's most obliged, and

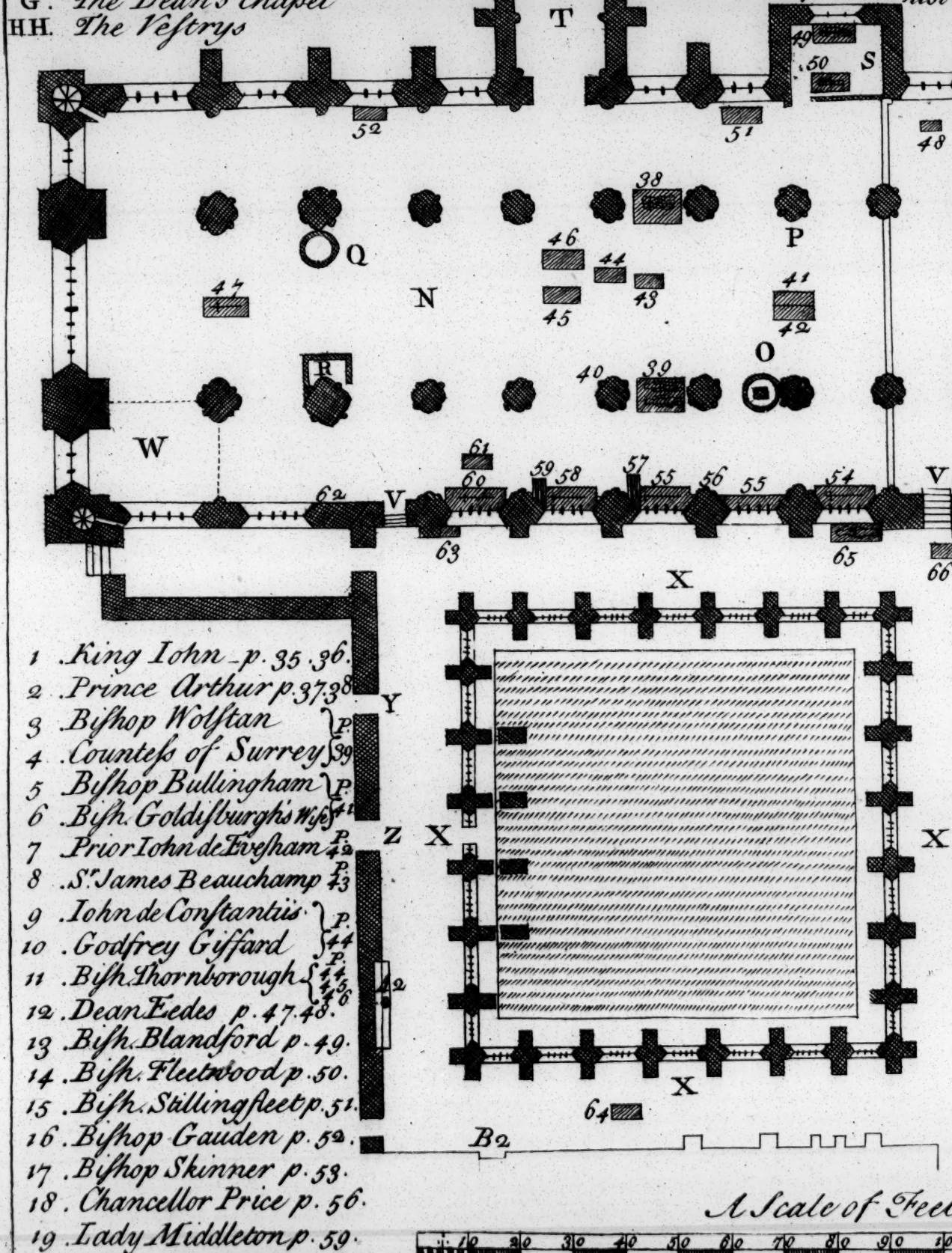
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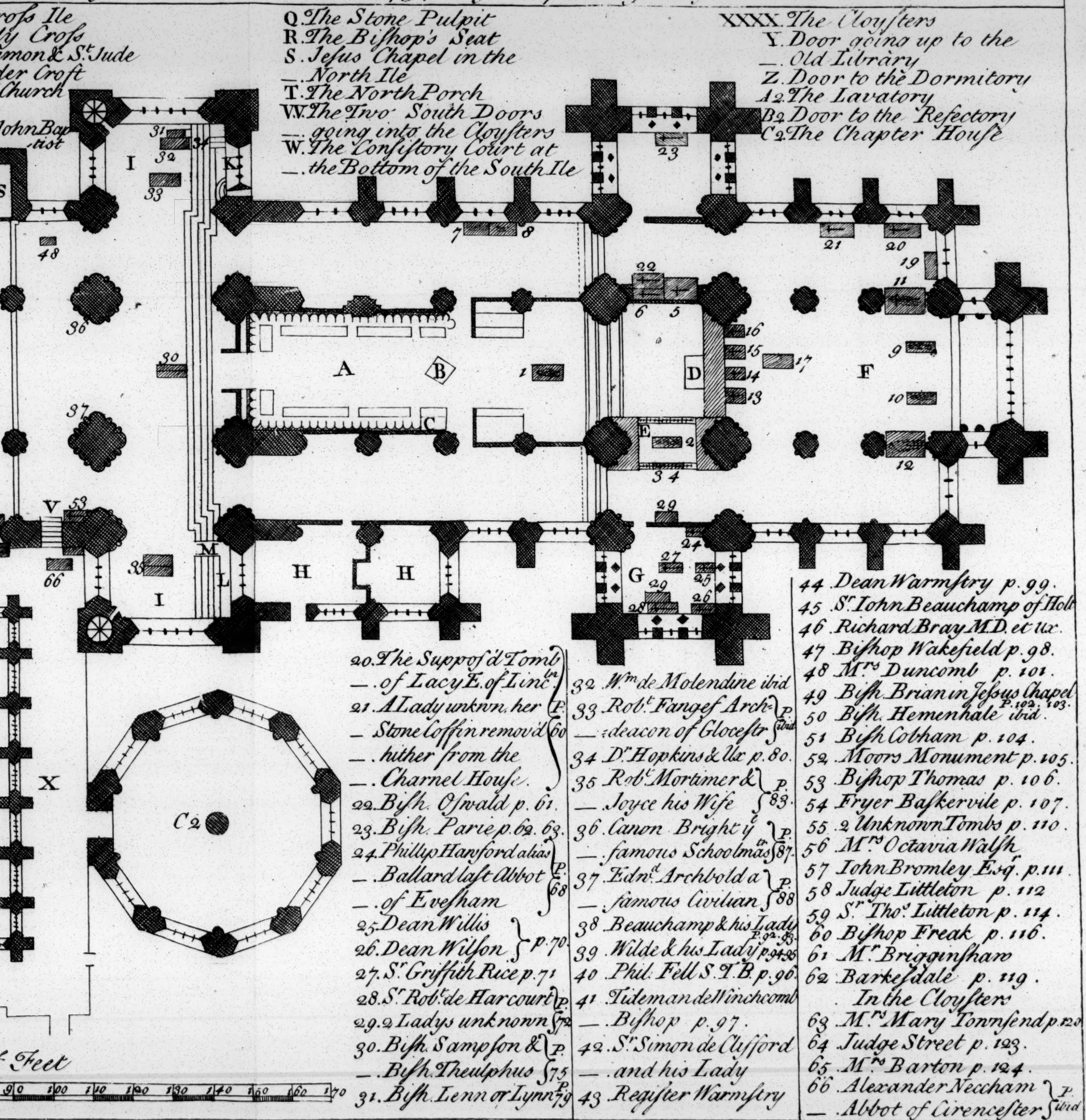
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An accurate Ichnography of the Cathedral Church

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 C. The Bishop's Throne
 D. The High Altar
 E. Prince Arthur's Chapel
 F. The Virgin Mary's Chapel
 G. The Dean's Chapel
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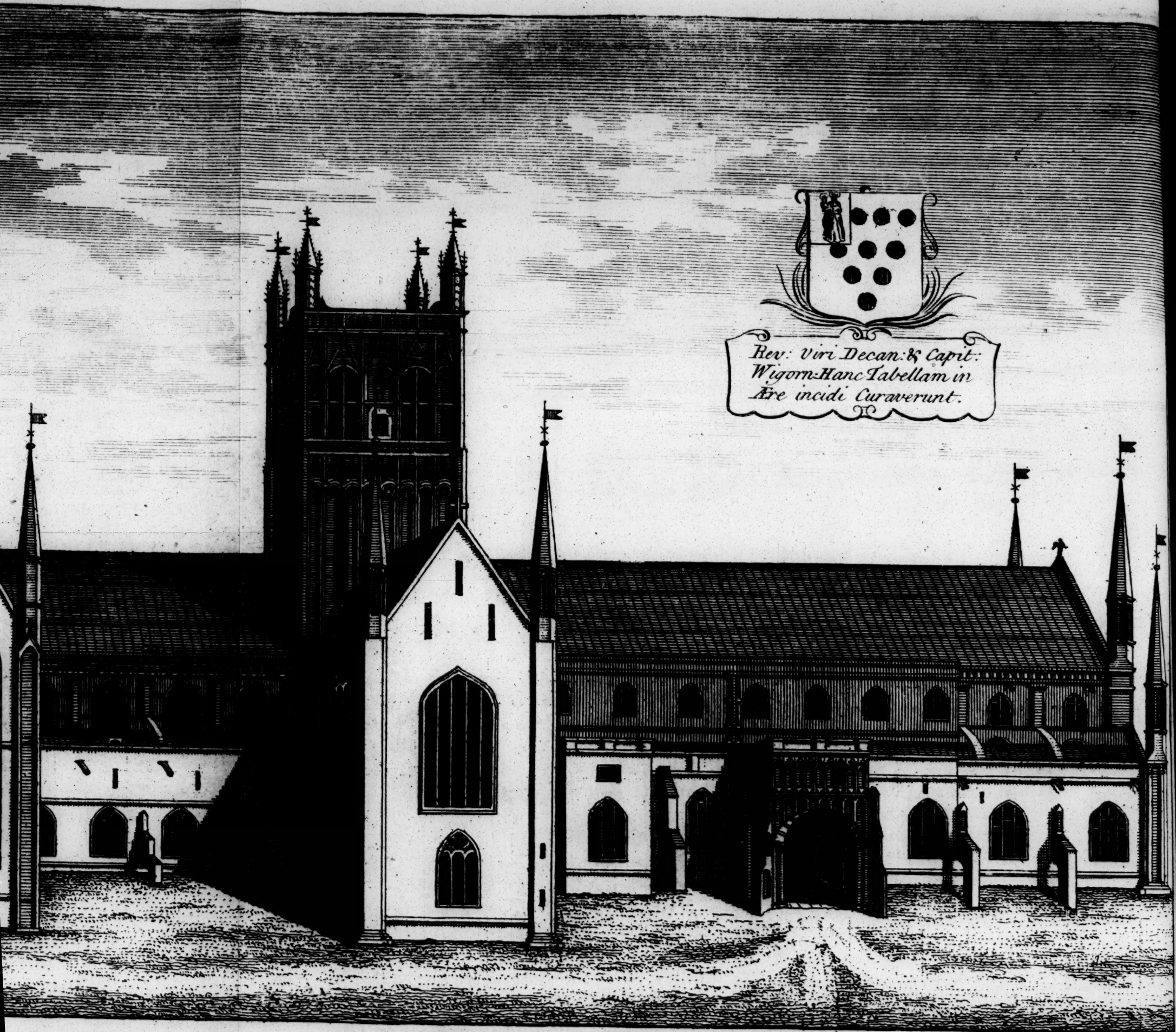


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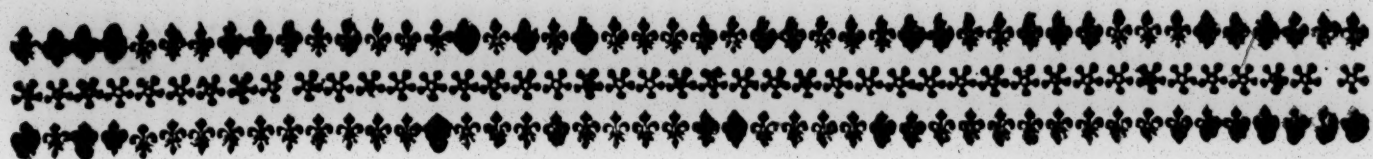
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Prospect of the Cathedral Church of S.^t Mary at Worcester.

A Scale of Feet

J. Harris Sculp.

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THE See of *Worcester* was taken out of that of *Litchfield*, about the Year 680 or sooner, Fourscore and two Years after the coming of St. *Austin* into this Island, who first converted the *Saxons* to the Christian Faith. The Province of *Wiccia* was allotted to it, and the Bishops of it were called, *Episcopi Wicciorum*, the Bishops of the *Wiccians*; it contained all *Worcestershire*, except Sixteen Parishes beyond *Alberley* Hills, belonging to the Diocese of *Hereford*: All *Gloucestershire* on the East Side *Severn*, with the City of *Bristol*: And near the South-half Part of *Warwickshire*, with the Town of *Warwick*. The Inhabitants of this Part of *Britain* were called by the *Romans*, *Dobuni*, from *Dwfn*, or

B *Duvun*,

Duvun, or *Dovain* (a). a *British* Word, signifying a Vale, or deep Land and so was most of this Province a Vale upon the Rivers *Severn* and *Avon*: But as soon as the *Saxons* had conquer'd *Britain*, the Name of *Dobuni* was lost, and the *German* Name of *Wiccii* given to them. *Wic*, in their Language, signifying a Bank or Crook of a River, and they inhabiting upon the Crooks or Windings of the said Rivers, were by them properly called *Wiccians*; and the Hills which terminate this Vale to the East, now called *Cotswould*, were then called the *Wiccian Hills*, *Montes Wiccifii* (b).

The chief City of this Province was then called **Wichirne*, *Wigurne*, in Latin, *Wigornia*; and when it was fortified against the Incurfions of the *Britains*, at that Time driven by the *Saxons* beyond the *Severn*, and a Castle raised where the River was most Fordable; they then gave it the Name of †*Wigurnaceastre*, *Wigraceastre*, *Weareceastre*, now *Worcester*. By whom built or fortified, is not certain; but at the Erection of the Bishoprick, this being the Capital City of the *Wiccians*, the See was here fixed. The first Cathedral Church was dedicated to *St. Peter*, which lasted till Bishop *Oswald's* Time, and only *Secular* Priests were Assistants to the Bishop in the Execution of his Office: But he being bred up a *Monk*, resolved to turn out the *Seculars* and bring in the *Regulars*. In order to do this, not by Force but Craft, the Church of *St. Peter* being small, he built another in the same Church-yard to the Honour of the *Mother of God*, where he placed his *Monks*, and conversed more freely with them than with the *Seculars*, frequently performing Divine Offices amongst them. The People seeing this, flocked hither to him, thinking it a Crime to be without the Blessing of so Holy a *Bishop*. Upon which the Clerks, being left alone, chose rather to put on the Cowl, than at their own Loss to become ridiculous to the People. This is the Account (c) *Malmesbury* gives us of erecting the Monastery of *St. Mary*, and with him agrees *Ead-*

(a) Arch. Brit. p. 129. & 274.
ford, Dorene & Iccumba.

(b) In Monte Wiccifia, Nordwica, Eowenland, Deigles-
Charta Regis Edgari de Oswaldellaue. Hem. Chart. p. 520.

(c) Malm. p. 153. 6.

* *Wichirne*, *Wigurne*, *Wegurne*. † *Wigurnaceastre*, *Wigraceastre*,
Weareceastre.

mer, in his Life of St. *Oswald*. But (*d*) *Florence* of *Worcester* and the Monk of *Ramsley* intimate, that Force as well as Craft was made use of in turning out the *Seculars*.

This New Church at the Monastery was finished by *Oswald* in the Year of our LORD 983 (*e*), which stood not long before that and the City were destroyed by *Hardicute* (*f*), who, to revenge the Death of two of his Collectors here slain 4 Nones of *May* 1041, sent his Forces under the Command of several of his Nobles, enjoining them to slay all without Mercy, to rifle and burn the City, and to lay waste the Country. On the second of the Ides of *Nov.* they began to put this cruel Command of the King in Execution, and for Four Days ravaged and spoiled at Pleasure: But the Countrymen (fore-apprized of their Danger) were fled, and the Citizens retired with their Wives and Children into a small Island, called *Bevereye*, encompassed by the *Severn*, about two Miles above the City, where they manfully defended themselves, and making their Peace, they had Liberty given them to return Home, but found their City sack'd and burnt. How long this Church lay in Ruins, or whether patched up for Divine Service before Bishop *Wulfstan's* Time, is not mentioned by any of our Historians; but the *Worcester Annals* tell us, that he it was that began to build a New One a little more to the South of the Old One, *A. D.* 1084; and in the Year 1089, Indiction 12. 3. *Will.* 2. 27. of his Pontificate, he finished both that and the Monastery, into which on *Whitsunday* he removed the Monks, whose Number he had augmented from little more than Twelve to Fifty (*g*). And at the same Time he offered up at the High Altar his Deed, whereby he gave them for their better Maintenance Fifteen Hides at *Alfestun*, which had been a long time withheld from the Church by Men in Power, but recovered by him from King *William* the First, with much Labour and Cost. It is said of him, that upon the remo-

(*d*) Ang. Sac. T. 2. p. 202. (*e*) Hemming's Chart. p. 187. (*f*) W. Malm. p. 83.
 Flor. Wig. sub. anno. Rog. Hoveden. p. 252. (*g*) Nam cum a me paulo pluraquam duo
 decim inventi fuissent fratres, usque ad quinquaginta a me ibi congregati sunt in eodem Monasterio.
 Dei mancipati servicio. Charta Wulfstani Epi. Wig. p. 418. Hem. Chart.

ving of the Monks into his New Monastery, he ordered the Old Church and Monastery to be pulled down; and when he saw the Workmen doing of it he wept: For which being modestly reproved by some of his Attendants, who told him, He rather ought to rejoice, that the Church had come to so great Splendour, and that the enlarged Number of the Monks required more spacious Habitations. He answered, *I think far otherwise, we poor Wretches destroy the Works of our Forefathers only to get Praise to ourselves: That happy Age of Holy Men knew not how to build stately Churches, under any Roof they offered up themselves living Temples unto God, and by their Examples excited those under their Care to do the same: but we on the contrary neglecting the Care of Souls, Labour to heap up Stones*(a).

The same Author (b) says, that there were not wanting Persons who gave out that he foretold the Conflagration of this his New Church, which happen'd on the 13th of the *Calends of June* (c) 1113. When (d) *Florence* says, the City and al the rest of the Churches were burnt with it. But (e) *Malmesbury* tells, that not the whole Church, but only the Roof was burnt; and that the Tomb of St. *Wulstan* and the Mat on which they kneeled before his Shrine, were not in the least damaged or discoloured by the Smoke, or covered with any of the Ashes of it. I look upon this to be a Monkish Story, and (f) *Florence's* Accounts seems to be truest; who adds, that one Monk, very useful to the Monastery, with two of their Servants, and Fifteen Citizens perished in the Flames. It was again burnt down 15 *Kal. May*, in the Year 1202, with all the adjacent Offices of the Monastery and Part of the City (g): But being soon rebuilt, and King John buried here, it was in the Presence of King *Henry*, his Son, and of many Bishops, Abbots and Nobles, 7th Id. *June* 1218. solemnly consecrated by Bishop *Sylvester* to St. *Mary*, the Mother of God, the blessed Apostle St. *Peter*, and the Holy Confessors *Oswald* and *Wulstan*; and particularly the great Altar dedicated to St. *Mary* and

(a) W. Malm. L. 4. de gestis Pont. p. 160.

(b) Ang. Sac. p. 2. p. 263.

(c) Julii

4 Bren. Walteri Hemingford, p. 472.

(d) Flor. sub Anno.

(e) Lib. de gestis Pont.

1. Flor. Wig. f. 481.

(g) Annal. Wig.

St. *Oswald*, and the other to St. *Peter* and St. *Wulstan* (l). In 1220, in the Time of *William de Bleys*, *W. de Braderwe* being then Sacrist, the great Bells were Cast and Consecrated by that Bishop to the Honour of our Saviour and his Mother : And *Hauteclere*, to the Honour of St. *John* the Evangelist (m).

In 1222, about the Feast of St. *Andrew*, a violent Storm of Wind, and Rain, and Thunder blew down the two lesser Towers of the Church, and did a great deal of Damage (n).

In 1224 it was new fronted, Bishop *Bleys* laying the Foundation Stone. The Choir antiently extended *Westward* to the second Pillar below the Belfry, and when carried further *Eastward* beyond the Belfry, it was raised about Forty Inches, and a Fine Vault made under it, and the side Iles of it with several Rows of Fine Stone Pillars ; the whole Work being above Eleven Foot high, and is in Length 60 Feet, which is half the Length of the Choir, and no more, the Earth that came out of it raised the other half where, is King *John's* Tomb and the high Altar. It has been asserted, that the Corps of King *John*, if interred here must lie within his Tomb above Ground, and that the Bodies of Bishop *Wolstan de Brainsford*, and a Knight Templar of the Name of *Mortimer*, in the North side Ile do the same, for that there can be no Grave dug in this Part ; but it is a mistake, the Vault not reaching to either of these Tombs, so that Graves may be easily dug there. The Pillars of this Choir and of our Lady's Chappel behind it, were beautified by Bishop *Giffard* (who was also Lord Chancellor of *England*) by interlaying little Pillars, as it is said, by some of Marble, which he fastened to the former with little Rings of Copper gilt ; but when examined closely they appear to be of a cast Material, which being polished, resembles grey Marble.

After this, in Bishop *Wakefiela's* Time, who was high Treasurer of *England*, many great Works were undertaken and finished.

(l) An. Wig.

(m) *Ibid.*

(n) *Ib.d.*

The *Cloister*, which is 124 Feet Square and 16 broad, in the Year 1372: The *Refectory* or *Monks-hall* adjoining to it, where now the School is kept, 120 Feet long, and 64 broad, was built the same Year. The *Tower* or *Belfry*, 162 Feet high, was finished in 1374, for the building of which, the Church of *Wolverly* was in special Terms impropriate. The vaulted Roof of Stone over the Choir, and and the great Cross Ile in 1376, and that over the Nave of the Church in 1377; it is of *Tuffstone*, the *Tophus* of the Ancients, a rough, light, hollow Stone (o). The height of it over the Choir is twenty Yards, two Feet, in the great Cross Ile twenty one Yards one Foot, in the Nave twenty one Yards one Foot eight Inches. The Water-Gate, the Library and Dormitory were built the same Year, 1378. The Infirmary and Stalls in the Choir, 1379. The Body lengthened by the Addition of two Arches, and the great West Window, 1380. The North Porch of the Church, 1386. In all which Years *Henry Wakefield* was Bishop, *John Lindsey* Sacrist, and *William Poer* Cellarer. The Length of the Church, from East to West, is 394 Feet, and somewhat better, of which the Choir takes up 120; the breadth of the Body and Side Iles is 78 Feet, and of the Choir and Side Iles 74.

Upon the finishing the great Tower the Bells were taken out of the *Clochium* or Leaden Steeple, the Base of which was Eight Sided. The height of the Stone-Work was 60 Feet, equal to the Battlement of the Church, the Diameter of the Base 61 Feet, and the thickness of the Wall ten Feet. On the Base stood a Spire fifty Yards high, and the Weather-Cock stood level to that of *St. Andrews*. It was covered with Lead, and the whole was in height from the Ground 70 Yards. *St. Andrews* exceeding it but by Seven Yards. The Timber being all Irish Oak, was not sawed, but wrought with

(o) Lapis asper & cavernosus. Antra laqueata Tophis & Pumice, *Ovid Fast.* l. 2.
 Pumice multicauo nec levibus atria Tophis.
 Structa subit--- *Ovid. Met.* l. 8.

the Ax (p). *There hath been a Tradition that King John built this Leaden Spire, with one or two more at York, but no certain Ground for it.* The Bells were anciently but Five, and were probably equal to those of York, of which the biggest, or *Hauteclere*, weighed 6600 lb. There are now Eight, but cast at several Times, with these Inscriptions.

1 GOD SAVE OUR KING.

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4 HONI SOIT QUE MAL Y PENSE.

5 RICHARDO EDES DECANO 1602.

6 HOC OPUS INSPICITO JESU VIRTUTE FAVETO.

7 MISERERE DEUS MEUS HABEO NOMEN GAUFREUS.

8 I SWEETLY TOULING MEN DO CALL,

TO TASTE ON MEAT THAT FEEDS THE SOUL.

During the continuance of the King's Court and Castle here, the Precincts of the Church were very strait or scant as it were pent up between the South-side of the Church and the North-side of the Castle, to remedy which King *Henry III.* in the Year 1232. gave them one Moiety of his Castle, with all Rights and Privileges thereto belonging (q), on part whereof the present Cloyster was afterwards built. Then was the Castle divided by the Prior and Convent with an embattell'd Wall from the Remainder of the other Moiety of it, which reached from the Severn to the Tower, commonly

(p) Ex Chartis W. Hopkins, D. D. Preb. hujus ecclesiæ.

(q) Annal. Wig.

call'd King *John's* Tower, and said by some to be built by him: But it was much more Antient, having in the Front of it, the Statues of King *Edgar* and his two Queens, *Ethelfleda* and *Ethelfrida*, and the Street it leads into is called in several Writings *Edgar-Street*. Without this embattel'd Wall from the Tower they had an unquestionable Right to a Passage or Freeboard at least 16 Feet wide; the Benefit or Freedom of which Passage to the River did much advantage the convenience and healthfulness of all that part of the City, but this Passage is now wholly taken away by the Out-County, the Goal being contiguous to it, and the Goaler pretending that Passage to have been the Occasion of the Loss of some of his Prisoners.

In the West Cloyster there are still to be seen the remains of a Lavatory between the Dormitory and the Refectory, which was supply'd with Water by an Aqueduct from *Hilnwick Hill*. Tryal had been made to bring it from the Moors and Springs in the Priors Park at *Batenhall*: After that, from a Spring above *Hardwick Court* in the Grounds near *St. John's Green*, called *Swanpool*. But the most plentiful Spring being that on *Hilnwick Hill*, and the whole Farm of *Hilnwick* then belonging to the Church, they brought it from thence. It was distant from the Cloyster about 1600 Yards, they brought it along *Hilton-Lane*, over the City Bridge under the pitch'd Pavement there, and so along the Streets by the sides of the River to their Cloyster. They did this by the King's Authority and the Consent of the City. King *Henry* the IVth, by Deed. injoyning the Bailiffs and all his Officers to be Aiding and Assisting to them in it, and commanding that they should have free Liberty at all Times to mend their Pipes when broken, it bears Date 8th of *May* in the 8th Year of his Reign. (r).

At the same Time there was a Composition made and interchangeably Sealed between the Prior and Convent on one Part, and the Bailiffs and Aldermen of the City on the other Part, they having then

(r) Lib. pens. Wig. f. 47. Lib. Albus f. 439.

Mayor. The Condition of the Prior and Convents Part was thus exprest, *That for the more worship of the Bailiffs and Aldermen, their Maces might be born before them within the precincts of the Camitory or Sanctuary altho out of the Liberty of the City, and likewise in the Parish of St. John's in Bedwardine.* Whither in pursuance of this Composition the Citizens do yearly walk in their Formalities and with their Maces on the Fair-Day of St. John's, being the Friday before Palm-Sunday, and the Day before the great Fair at Worcester. The Condition on the Part of the Citizens was, *That the Prior and Convent should have Liberty to lead their Conduit-Pipe of the Aqueduct, over the Bridge and through such Streets and Lanes as were most convenient.* Many Houses and Chimneys were afterwards built on some of those by Lanes, even upon the Leaden Pipe, but so as not to prejudice the Aqueduct, which in the Time of the Civil Wars was every where Torn up.

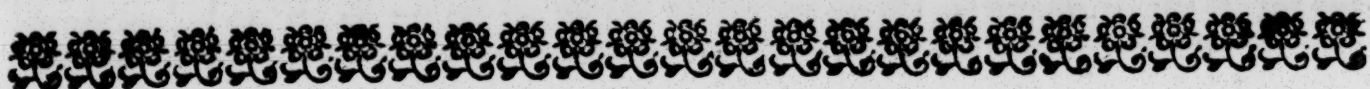
There was formerly a fair Stone-Cross in the Church-Yard, which was the usual Preaching-Place, as at St. Paul's London. There were also Seats for the Chief of the City on the North-side of the Church, but South from the Cross, much resembling those of St. Paul's : But those Seats together with the Sacrist's Lodgings were turned into a House for the first Prebend.

This Cross was demolished in the time of the Civil Wars, after which the place of Preaching was at the bottom of the Cathedral Church; the Chief Citizens sat on the Stone-Bench under the great West Window, a blew Arras Cloth being spread thereon, the Bishop Dean and Prebends sat on the South-side of the Church, over-a-against the second Arch from the West; the Bishop and Dean in several Chairs, the Prebends on a Stone-Bench covered with a like blew Cloth, with Robert Alchureh Subprior his Fancy or Rebus on it; which at a hundred Years distant from his Time look'd very fresh, although it was used Weekly.

Near to the Place where this Cross stood, there was very Antiently a famous Monumental Building of White-Stone, over the Graves of Duke

and his Lady *Alta*, with a Cross erected thereon, at which St. *Oswald* often preached, the Cathedral Church of St. *Peter* being too little to contain the Multitudes that came to hear him, and that of St. *Mary* was not then built : it was pulled down in King *Edward's* Days to enlarge the Presbytery. At a Mile distance, *Northwards* from this Cross there was just such another Structure raised of *White-Stone*, which gave Name to the Place now called *Whitstanes*, where also stood the Nunnery of the *White-Ladies*.

Hem. Chart. p. 342, 343.



An account of the Coats of A R M S in the
Cathedral Church of *Worcester*.

M^R *Abington* in his Survey of the Windows, of this Church gives us an Account of the following Coats which are now most of them broken or gone.

In the highest *East* Window of our Blessed *Lady's* Chapel, which is the fairest and chiefest of all, consisting of Nine stately raised Panes. In the third Pane of which, on the right Hand, is an Abbot, and behind, a Prior, both praying, with this Inscription, *Prior Walterus, Abbas Henricus*, tho' the Abbot precedeth the Prior. In the next Pane, are two Ladies praying with this Superscription, *Rosa Mountford & Isabell de Dedley*. In the last, is a Gentleman and his Wife praying, superscribed, *Elias Spellis & - - - uxor ejus*. In the third Pane on the left Hand, is a Knight, all Armed, saving his Face and Hands, praying, and on his Coat Armour, *Gules* a Fesse betwixt six Crosses Crozlets *Or*, superscribed, *Sir Thomas Beauchamp*. Behind him is another, but defaced, and only left over him, *Sir*. In the next Pane, are two Knights Armed, and praying as the former. On the Coat Armour of the first, *Gules* a Fesse between six Martlets *Or*, superscribed, *. . . Beauchamp*. On the Coat Armour of the second, *Gules* a Fesse between six Billets *Or*, written over *Joannes de Beauchamp*. In the last Pane, is a Man Armed and praying, as the former, on his Coat Armour partie per pale a Chevron *Sable* and *Argent*, in Chief two Leopards Heads *Or*; behind a Woman, praying, the superscription *. . . Cymercwe & Margaret*, the rest broken.

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In the *East* Window of the *North Ile* of this Chappel, and highest dexter Pane, *Argent*, two Bendlets *sable* Impaling *Or*, a Chevron *Argent*, between three Cows Faces *Sable*.

In the first and highest *North* Window, divided into three Panes, in the first, *Gules*, a Lyon Rampant within a Border ingrailed *Or*, Quartering *Argent*, two Lyons Passant, *Gules*. In the second, *Gules* a Chevron between ten Crosses formee *Argent*. In the third, *Or*, two Lyons Passant Azure.

In the second *North* Window, and first Pane, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Martlets *Or*, (*Beauchamp of Powick*). In the the second Pane, *Argent*, on a Bend Azure, three Cinquefoils *Or*, (*Cooksey*). In the third, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Billets *Or*, (*Beauchamp of Holt*).

In the third *North* Window, and first Pane, *Argent*, a Cross Ingrailed, *Gules*. In the second Pane, *Gules*, three Fishes Naiant, *Argent*. In the third, *Argent*, a Chevron between three Crosses Bottonnee Fichée *Sable*.

In the Cross *North Ile* siding the Choir, and *East* middle Window, *azure* a Cross Fleurete de Luces, between four Martlets *Or*. In the sinister *East* Window, *Argent*, two Lyons Passant *Gules*, (*Strange*).

In the highest *North* Window, on the second and first Pane, *France* and *England* quarterly. On the next Pane, *France* and *England* quarterly with a Label of seven, *Argent*.

In the second Window, and first Pane, *Argent*, ten Torteauxes, (*See of Worcester*). In the next Pane, *Or*, a Saltire ingrailed *sable*, quartering, *Argent*, a Lyon Rampant, *Sable*, crowned *Or*, within a Border *Azure*, (*Botitort* quartering *Burnell*).

In the third Window, *Or*, a Cheven between three Martlets *Gules*. In the next Pane, *Or*, (*in faded Colours*) a Fesse Checkie, *Argent* and *Sable*, quartering *Or*, two Bends *Gules*.

Below these lofty Windows are others, as magnificent, carrying a double Range of Arms; the first Window, hath quarterly, *Or*, and *Gules*, in the first a Crescent *Sable*. In the next Pane, Palee of six
Or,

Or and *Azure*, an Annulet *Gules*, (*Gourney*). Underneath in the first Pane, the Arms defaced. In the next *Or*, three Barrs Danfette *Gules*.

In the second Window, and first Pane, *Ermine*, a Lyon Rampant *Gules* within a Border *Sable* besantee, (*Cornwall*). In the next *Gules*, three Lucs in Pale between six Crosses Croslets *Argent*, (*Lucy*). Underneath in the first Pane, *Argent*, three Leopards Heads Ingu-lant de Lucs *Sable*, (*Godington*). In the next *Mortimer*, with an Es-cotcheon *Or*, and quarter *Gules*.

In the third Window, and first Pane, *Argent* a Chevron *Gules* between three Martlets *Sable*, (*Bagot*). In the second, *Argent* a Cross undee *Gules*, with a Crescent *Sable* in the dexter Point, (*Col-vile or rather Trevile who held of the Bishop of Worcester*). Underneath, in the first, *Sable* two Bars Ingrailed, *Argent*, (*Rous*). These are all gone.

And now the Ile after it was divided by the Cross, recovereth the former Course, and ascendeth to attend the Choir, where in the first pane of the first *Northern* Window are these Arms; Quarterly, first and fourth *Or*, a Manche Maletaile *Gules*. Second and third, Barry of six *Argent* and *Azure*, charged with five Martlets *Gules*, (*Hastings and Valence*) over them is a King with this Inscription, *Johannes Rex dedit libertatem maneriorum de Lindrugg Wolwardeley Stoke*. In the second Pane, the Arms of *England* within a Border *Argent*, above is a Bishop with these Words, *Sanctus Wolstanus Episcopus dedit Alveston et fere omnia maneria redemit*. In the third Pane *Or*, a Lyon Rampant, *Azure*, over it a King, and *Henricus Rex dedit Bromsgrove & medietatem Castri* - - - In the fourth Pane *Gules*, a Cross Ingrailed *Or*, with a Bishop above having this Inscription, *Walterus Episcopus dedit Ecclesiam* - - - these remain but are broke in several places.

In the second Window and first Pane is *Gules* a Fesse, between six Crosses Croslets *Or*, on the Fesse, a Crescent *Sable*, for difference,

(*Beauchamp*) over it a King and, *Ethelredus Rex dedit manerium de Clyve*. In the second Pane, *Or*, three Pyles in Point *Gules* a quarter *Ermine*, (*Basset de Drayton*) over it a Prior with two Mitres, one on his Head, the other in his left Hand, and in his right a Staff of Authority, and written *Johannes Evesham Prior privilegium de mitra - - impetravit Ecclesiam de Overbury & Warrenam*. In the third, *Argent* in a Chief *Azure* two Mullets of six points *Or*, pierced *sable*, over it a King, and written *Oswaldus Rex dedit Overbury*. These are all gone.

In the third Window, and first Pane, no Arms but there is a Bishop and written, *Wulstan Episcopus . . . Croule, Batnall, Pechlee & Ecclesiam dedod . . . adquisivit*. In the second Pane *sable* a Fesse, conter-compone *Or*, and *Gules*, between six Escallops *Argent*, (*Durvarssall Lord of Spennore*) over it a King and written *Edwinus Rex dedit Fepston & quinq, fornaces salis apud Wyche*. In the third *sable*, three Leopards Heads ingulant Fleurs de Lis *Argent*, (*Huband*) over it a Bishop and written *Silvester Episcopus dedit 5 Marcas de Ecclesia de Barkley*. In the fourth Pane, *sable* a Chevron between three Crescents *Or*, (*Babthorp*) over it a King, and written *Berwelfus Rex dedit Grimley & Mutton*. These are all gone.

In the fourth Window, and first Pane, *Argent*, on a Fesse, between six Martlets *Gules*, three Quaterfoiles of the Field (*Washborn*). over it an Earl, and written *Gilbertus Comes de Pembroke dedit Ecclesiam de Dogeldon membrum de Dioc.----* In the second Pane, *azure*, a Chevron between three Lyons Heads erased *Or*, Label of three *Gules* (*Wyndham*), over it a Bishop, and *Henricus Wacfeld Episcopus appropriavit Capellam Carnarie Wigorn.---* In the third *argent* a Chevron between three Roses *Gules* budded *Or*, on the Chevron an Annulet of the last. (Sir John Wyard of *Alspath*), over it a Knight Armed, all saving his Head, and over his

his Armour a Scarlet Coat richly set forth, the Inscription, *Peverellus de Bello Campo Miles dedit Codeston.* These are all gone.

Now to pass over and begin with the South Ile of our Lady's Chapel, and of the Choir.

In the first Window and first Pane *Gules*, a Castle *Or*, being the Arms of the Kingdom of *Castile*; Quartering *Argent* a Lyon Rampant *sable*; the Arms of the Kingdom of *Leon*; impaling, *Azure* Seme-Fleur-de-Lis, *Or*, *France*. Quartering *Gules* three Lyons passant guardant *Or*, *England*. In the second Pane, *France* Seme-Fleur de Lis; Quartering *England* with a Label of three, *Argent*, on each as many Torteauxes. In the third Pane, *France* within a Border *Argent*.

In the second Window, *Mortimer*, with an Escutcheon *Argent*, Quartering *Or*, a Cross *Gules*. In the next Pane, *Gules* a Lyon rampant *Or*, Quartering checkie *Or*, and *Azure*, (*Arundell* quartering *Surry*). In the third Pane, *Gules* a Fesse between six Crosses Croslets *Or*, (*Beauchamp*).

In the third Window and first Pane, *Or*, a chevron *Gules*, (*Stafford*). In the second, quarterly *Argent* and *Gules* fretted *Or*, a bendlet *sable*, (*Le Despencer*). In the third, *Argent* a Lyon rampant *sable*, crowned *Or*, within a Border *Azure*, (*Burnell*). These are all gone.

In the first Window of the South Cross Ile, *France* Seme-Fleur-de-Luces, and *England* Quarterly.

In the second Window *sable*, frettie *Argent* a Quarter *Gules*.

In the third Window, *Gules*, a Chevron between ten Crosses formee within a Border *Argent* (*Barkley*). In the second Pane, *Gules* a Chevron between ten Crosses formee *Argent*, (*Barkley*).

In the Windows below (for all here mounteth much in heighth) in the first South Window, and first Pane, *Argent*, on a Chief *Gules* three Befantes, (*Russell Co. Glou.*). In the second Pane *Argent* on a Bend

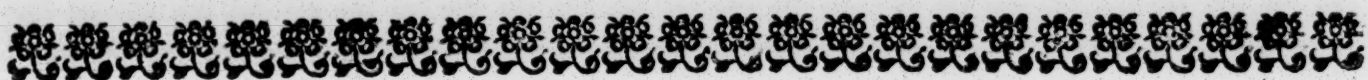
Bend *sable* three Rams or Goats Heads *Or.* underneath in the second Pane, *Or*, an Escallop in the dexter *sable*, between two Bends *Gules*.

In the second Window, and first Pane, *Argent*, on a Quarter *Gules*, a Rose *Or*, (*Bradeston*). In the second Pane *Azure* two Bars *Or* (*Pembrug*). Underneath in the first Pane *Argent*, a Fesse between three Martlets *sable*, (*Duresly*). In the second Pane *Gules*, a Fesse counter componee *Or*, and *Azure*, quartering *Argent*, a Lyon rampant between six Crosses Croflets, fitchee *Sable*, (*Godard* Quartering *Hautevill*). These are all gone.

Next to this Cross Ile the South Ile ascendeth between the Choir and Vestry, where in the first South Window and first Pane, is *France* Seme fleurete, quartering *England* with a Label of six, three *England*, and three *France*, over it a King with this Inscription ; *Edgar Rex Fundator istius Ecclesie cuncta que fuerant Clericorum Monachis contulit & libertatem de Oswaldslawe concessit*. In the second Pane *Gules* a Lyon rampant *argent*, (*Mowbray*) over it an Archbishop, with a Cross on his Pastoral Staff, and written, *Sanctus Oswaldus Archiepiscopus pro me fundatus fuit ex clericis Monacatus*, King *Edgar* and the Archbishop upholding the Church.--- In the third Pane, *argent* three Fusilles in Fesse *Gules*, (*Montague*), over it a King and thus inscribed, *Offa Rex dedit Cropthorn, Bradwas Lawerne, & Ychome*. In the fourth, *Or*, three Torteauxes, with a Label of three *azure*, (*Courtney*), over it a Bishop, and written, *Denebertus Episcopus dedit Manerium*. . . .

In the second Window, and first Pane chekie *Or*, and *azure* a Fesse *Gules*. (*Clifford*), over it a King with this Inscription, *Kenulphus Rex dedit Hallowe, Hynewyk, Himulton, & Donamsted*. In the second Pane, *Or*, two Bends *Gules*, (*Tracy*), over it an Archbishop and written, *Alfridus Archiepiscopus dedit Manerium de Tedington*. This remains but broke. In the third Pane checkie *Or* and *azure* a Fesse defaced, over it a King and written, *Aldredus Rex dedit Sedgsborowe*. Remains but broke. In the fourth Pane, *Azure*, a Lyon passant *Argent* quartering *Azure*, a Fesse *Or*, (*Palgrave* quartering *Marasse*),
over

over it a Bishop, with this Inscription, *Simon Episcopus dedit Tiburton.*



In the VESTRY.

IN the *East* Window, and first Pane, *Argent*, on a Fesse between three Cocks Heads erased *Sable*, with Combs, Bills and Uncelles *Or*, a Bishop's Mitre with Labels of the third, adorned with these Verses :

Allok Pontificem notat haec tibi parma Johannem

Felix sit vita Deus hic sibi postq; superna.

In the next Pane a Bishop in his Pontificalibus, with his Clergy praying thus, *O Duæ gemmae celestes Maria & Johannes, mei Custodes & apud Deum intercessores, pro me exorare dignemini.* In the third Pane a Prior Mitred in his Cope, and his Monks praying, *Episcopum nostrum Johannem & gregem sibi Commissum in tuorum observatione mandatorum conservare digneris.* In the Fourth Pane *Argent* ten Torteauxes, in a quarter *Gules*, our Blessed Lady holding in her Arms our Saviour *Or*, (*Worcester Priory*). The Escutcheon wreathed about with these Verses :

Quos celi porta signant decuplex quoq; torta

Sis Monachis Wigor Rex benedicte vigor.

In the first *South* Window, and highest Pane, *Or*, two Lyons passant *Azure*, on the first an Annulet *Argent*. In the first Pane below that, Quarterly *France* and *England*. In the second Pane *Gules* billette *Or*, a Fesse *Argent*, Quartering *Argent* a Cross ingrailed *Gules* between four Water Budgets *Sable*. (*Loveyn, quartering Bourcher*).

Underneath, in the first Pane, *Sable*, a Chevron between three Spears Heads *Argent*, (*Morgan or Pryce*), over it a Monk with a Crozier and this Inscription, *Virgo non fide miserere mei Benedicte*. In the second Pane *Argent* two Bends indented *Gules*, (*Ruyall*) over it a Bishop, and written, *Theowaldus Episcopus dedit Beverly & Mutham*. In the third Pane, *Argent* upon a Bend ingrailed cotised *Sable* three Mullets of the Field pierced of the Bend, (*Thurgrim*) over it a Bishop and inscribed, *Willielmus Bleys Episcopus dedit Ecclesiam de Wyke cum pr.*--- In the fourth Pane, *Gules* a Fesse between six Peares *Or*, (*Besford*) over it a King, with this Inscription, *Utridus rex dedit & Stoke Prior*. Broke.

In the second Window and first Pane, a Prince, with a Duke's Chapelet and Sceptre, the Inscription, *Hutrydus Dux dedit More & Nubunam cum pertinentiis*. In the second Pane a Bishop, the Inscription, *Godfridus Episcopus dedit Ecclesiam de Grimley & Hallowe*.

In the third Pane, an Earl with his Cap turned up *Ermine* and written, *Leofricus Comes dedit Blackwell*. In the fourth Pane, a Clerk with Tonsure, in a Doctor's or a Judge's Robe of Scarlet, but faded, and faced *Ermine*, and inscribed, *Wilkielmus Malynes dedit Scyrnake, &c.* These are gone.

*On the Wainscot in this Vestry are depicted the following
Coats of ARMS.*

Gules, a Lyon rampant *Or*, with an Annulet.

Or, a Chevron between two Roses in chief a *Dolphin* in Base *Sable*.

Sable, a Chevron between three Puttocks Heads *Or*.

Gules, a Fesse and Border *Ermine*, (*Acton of Wolverton*).

Sable, a Chevron between three Martlets *Or*.

Azure, a Chevron between three Wolves Heads erased *Or*.

Sable, a fret *Or*.

Parted per Chevron *Sable* and *Or*, in chief three Mullets pierced of the second and in Base three Wheat-Sheafs *Gules*. Empaling, *Gules*
on

on a Chevron between three Besants three Crosses Crozlets Fiché Sable.

Argent, a Chevron between three Escallops *Sable*. empaling, Quarterly per Fesse indented, first and last *Gules*, second and third *Or*, (*Littleton*, empaling *Bromley*.)

Gules, on a Chevron *Or* three Barrs Gemelles *Sable*. (*Throckmorton*).

Sable, three Leopards Heads jessant Fleurs-de-Lis *Or*. Empaling *Sable* a Fesse between three Sheldrakes, *Argent*. (*Huband* empaling *Sheldon*.)

Or, on a chief *Sable* three Martlets of the Field. Empaling *Beikley*.

Azure, three Boars *Argent*.

Checky, *Argent* and *Sable*.

Argent, on a Bend *Sable* three Pheons.

Azure, a Fesse *Ermine* with a Crescent of the same.

There are some more but the Colours are faded and gone.

ARMS in the Windows of the body of the Cathedral Church of Worcester.

DEscending from the Choir to the *Cross Ile* of the Church, the *North* high Window being empty of Arms, leadeth us to the *South*, which presenteth his Majesty's Arms painted lately, but very fairly in Glafs, *Anno Dom.* 1632. And returning thence to the *North* Side of the Church, in a *North* Window of a *North* Chapel, is, *Argent*, a Lyon Rampant *Gules*, within a Border *sable* besantee. (*Cornwall*).

In the fourth *North* Window of the *North Ile* in the first Pane, *Gules*, a Fesse and two Mulletts in chief *Argent*. (*Pober*). In the second Pane, *Argent*, on a Bend ingrailed and cotised *sable* three Mulletts of the Field. (*Thurgrim*). In the third Pane, *Mortimer's* Arms with an Escutcheon *Or*.

In the fifth *North* Window of the same *Ile*, in the first Pane, *Gules*, a Fesse *Or*, and two Mulletts in chief *Argent*. In the second Pane, *Argent*, on a Chevron *Gules* three Gemelles *Sable*. (*Throckmorton*).

In the sixth Window, and first Pane, *Argent*, on a Bend *Sable* three Escallops of the Field. In the second, *Gules*, a Fesse *Or*, between three Martlets *Ermine*. In the third Pane, *Argent*, a Raven close *sable*. (*Corbet of Morton*).

In the lowest *North* Window and first Pane, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Pears *Or*. (*Besford*). In the second Pane *Argent*, a Chevron between three Crosses Crosets botonee, fitch *sable*, with a Label of three *Gules*. (*Russel*). In the third *Ermine*, a Fesse Checkie, *Or*, and *Azure*. (*Arden*). In the fourth Pane, *Argent*, a Lyon Rampant, queue fourche *Tennee* or *purpure*. (*Foliot*). These are all gone.

The first Window of the *South Ile* hath only Bordures of *France* and *England*. Which are all gone.

In the second Window and first Pane, *sable*, Fretted *argent* on a Quarter *Gules* a Cross Patee and Fleuretee *Or*. Remains. In the second Pane, *argent*, ten Torteauxes. (*See of Worcester*). Broke.

In the third Window and highest Pane, the Arms of *England* single, below in the first Pane, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Crosses Crosets *Or*. (*Beauchamp*). Gone. In the second Pane, quarterley *Argent* and *Gules* Fretted *Or*, a Bendlet *sable*. (*Le Despencer*).

In the fourth Window, and first Pane, *England*. In the second Pane, *azure*, three Crowns *Or*. (*St. Edmund King and Martyr*). These remain.

In the fifth Window, and first Pane, *England*, with a Label of *France*. (*Duke of Lancaster*). It is gone. In the second Pane, *Argent*, six Crosses Crosets Fitch *sable*; on a chief *azure*, two Mulletts of six points *Or*, pierced *Gules*. (*Clinton*). It remains.

In the sixth Window in the uppermost Pane of all is the Head of an old Man, below him Angels playing on Violins, and below them on the right Side the Virgin *Mary* with these Words *Ave Maria*

Maria, and on the other Side a Shorn Monk with his Hands lifted up praying.

In the seventh Window, *Vert*, three Estoyles within a Border ingrailed *argent* : This Window is replenished with Stars, and the Arms with a Crozier Staff signifying a Bishop, Abbot, or Prior.

In the *West* Window of this *South Ile* where is now held the Consistory Court, *sable* on a Chevron ingrailed between three Mulletts pieced *Or*, a Leopard's Head *Gules* between two Martlets *argent*.

The goodly *West* Window answerable to such a Church, is severed by Pillars into eight high aspiring Panes, and they divided by a Transome : Above which in the middle and worthiest Pane, are the Arms of *France* Quartering *England* defaced. In the second in Dignity, a broken Coat, seeming to have been *sable*, Frettee *Argent*, on a Quarter *Gules*, a Cross formee Flourettee *Or*, belonging to (*Wakefield*, sometime Bishop of *Worcester*, by whom, it seems, this Window was made). In the third Place, *Mortimer* with an Escutcheon *argent* . In the fourth *Gules*, a Fesse between six Crosses Crozlets *Or*, (*Beauchamp*). The fifth quarterly *argent* and *Gules*, Fretted *Or*, a Bendlet *sable*. (*Despencer*). The sixth *Or*, a Saltire Ingrailed *sable*, (*Botetort*). In the lowest dexter Pane, *azure*, a Chevron Ingrailed between three Lyons Heads erased *Or*. (*Wendham*). In the lowest finester, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Martlets *Or*, (*Beauchamp of Powick*). I have ranked these, according as they are placed about the Royal Arms, because, it may be, it did argue a Precedence, which in these that follow, is to be observed.

In the lower Part of this Window, kneeling in compleat Armour, their Faces only open in the Middle and principal Place, a Knight, bearing on his Arms, *Argent*, on a Bend *azure* three Cinquefoils *Or*, and subscribed *Monseur Walter de Cookesey*. Opposite to him, another in like sort, and on his Arms, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Billets *Or*, and this Supercription, *Monseur John Beauchamp de Holt*. Behind *Cookesey* a Knight as before, and on his Arms, *Argent*, on a

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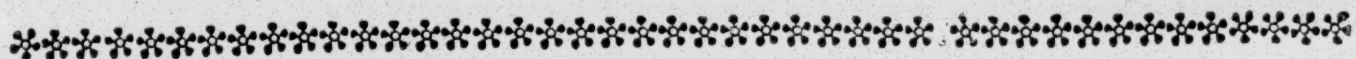
Bend *Gules*, three *Garbes*, and written, *Monseure Richard Fiton*. Behind *Beauchamp* a Man in long Robes, of Purple, and Scarlet, his Sword by his Side, and his Wife after him. And underneath as far as I can discern, *Helyas Spelley*. Behind *Fiton*, is a Knight armed, and praying, as before, on whose Armour is *Gules*, a Lyon Rampant *argent* and under him *Monseur John Atwood*. On the other Side, behind him, is one armed, as the rest, carrying parted per Chevron *sable* and *argent*, in Chief three Leopard's Heads *Or* : After him his Wife, on her Mantle, *Gules*, three Lozenges in Bend *Argent*. The last on the right Side, hath over his Armour, *Argent* on a Bend *Gules*, three Torteauxes *Or*, and written *Monseur Sapy*. The last on the left Hand is a Man in long Garments, with a Gown of Scarlet, and by his Side a Sword, yet wanting Arms, but his Name expressed to be --*Nicholas Collins*.

Near to this is the West Window of the North Ile, and in the principal and middle Pane, *France* and *England* quarterly. In the second middle Pane, *France* and *England* quartered, with a Label of three *argent*. (*Prince of Wales*). In the next Pane, for Dignity, *England* with a Label of *France*. (*Duke of Lancaster*). Below that, *Or*, three Pyles in Point *azure*, on a middle Pyle a Cross *argent*. (*Brian Bishop of Worcester*). After this, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Crosses Croslets *Or*. (*Beauchamp*). On the other Side *Mortimer* with an Escutcheon *argent*. In the lowest dexter Panes, *Gules*, ten Befants. (*Foreyn*). In the last Pane *Or*, three Pyles in Point *azure*. (*Brian*). These have I placed, as near as I can, according to their Pre-heminence in this Window, which consisteth of eight Panes, graced with Arms.

In the Window next below the North Door, in the middle Pane, a Gentleman and his Wife praying Face to Face, and subscribed, *Johannes Powel, Maiot uxor ejus*. And in the dexter Pane the like Couple, and under written, *Johannes*, the rest defaced, And in the sinister, a Gentleman in Prayer, the rest broken out.

These are all gone.

On



On the Organ Gallery between the Choir and the Nave of the Church are several Coats of Arms, over them this Inscription,

THESE HONOURABLE AND WORSHIPFUL GENTLEMEN WHOSE ARMS ARE HERE PLACED WERE CONTRIBUTORS TOWARDS THE GALLERY. ANNO Domine 1614.

In the middle are the Arms of the See of *Worcester* : Empaling Or a Fesse between three Lozenges Sable. Domine non sum Dignus. The same with the Virgin *Mary* in a Canton.

(Dean and Chapter of Worcester).

On the right Hand,

Gules a Lion Rampant and Border ingrailed Or.

(Talbot E. of Shrewsbury).

Gules, a Saltire *Argent*, between twelve Cross Collets Or.

(Windsor E. of Plymouth).

Parted per Chevron *Sable* and *Argent* in chief three Mulletts Or, in Base as many Garbs *Gules*. *(Pakington).*

Quarterly per Fesse indented Or and *Gules* a Crescent. *(Bromley).*

Barree nebule. *(Blunt).*

Argent, a Chevron between 3 Crosses botonee fitch *Sable*. *(Russell).*

Argent, two Lions passant *gules*. *(Lygon).*

Argent, a Fesse between six martlets, *sable*, a Crescent. *(Walsh).*

Barree *argent* and *sables* in chief three Stars.

Argent, on a Fesse between three Martlets *Sable* three Annulets or.

Sable, two Cinquefoils in chief and a Fleur de Lis in base or.

Parted

Parted per Fesse nebule *or* and *sables* three attires counterchanged of the Field.

Or, a Fesse dancet between three Crofs Croflets fice *gules*.
(Sandys).

Sable, two Barrs ingrailed *argent*. (Rous of Rouslench)

Gules, a Chevron between three Lions Heads *or*.

Pakington.

Lygon.

Russel. Again.

Sable, a Star *Argent*. (Handford).

Argent, a Fesse between three Crescents *sable*.

(Newport of Handley Williams).

Or, three Purfes *gules* in chief crenelle of the second, three Leopards Heads of the first.

Argent, a Fesse *sable* in chief a Mullet between two Pellets.

(Dingley of Charlton).

Argent, six Lions Rampant *sable*.

(Savage of Elmley).

Argent, on a Fesse three Cinquefoils *or*, between six Martlets *gules*.

Argent, a Lyon Rampant *gules* within a Border ingrailed *sable* besantee.

Argent, on a chief *sable*, three Martlets of the first. (Wyld).

Quarterly, first and fourth *argent* 2 Chevrons ingrailed *sable*, second and third *sable* a Crofs Saltire raguled between 4 Martlets *argent*.

Gules, a Fesse and Border *Ermine*. (Acton of Wolverton).

On the left Hand,

Sable, a Lyon passant between three Helmets *or*. (Lord Compton).

Gules, femee of Crofs Croflets with three Lucies hauriant *argent*. (Lucy)

Gules, three Stirrops Leathered *or*. (Lord Scudamore).

Or, a Crofs *gules* between four Birds.

Gules, three Crofles refarcile *or*, with a chief *vaire*. (Verney).

Argent, on a chevron *sable* three Crofles botonee of the Field.

Gules,

Gules, on a chevron *argent*, three Barrs gemelles *sable*.

(Throckmorton).

Argent, on a Fesse between three Annulets *gules*, as many Leopards Heads *or*. (Somervile).

Quarterly, *argent* and *gules*; second and third charged with a fret *or*, over all on a Bend *sable* three Escallops *argent*. (Spencer).

Vert, a Bend ingrailed *argent* double cotised *sable* and *or*.

Or, three Cinquefoils *sable* pierced of the Field.

Gules, a Lyon Rampant or Border ingrailed *or*.

(Talbot).

Parted per Pale *argent*, and *gules* with an Annulet

Or, hree Blackamoors Heads with a Crescent

Sable a Fesse *ermine* between three Crescents *or*.

(Coventry)

Quarterly, first and fourth Barry of four *argent* and *gules*, parted per pale indented and counterchanged: second and third, Quarterly, first and fourth *argent*, three Piles *gules*, on a Canton *azure* a Buck Trippant *or*: second and third *argent*, a Fesse *sable*, in chief three Pellets.

(Peto, quartering Loges and Langley).

The same with an Inesccheon.

Sable, a Manch *or*.

Sable, a Chevron between three Wolfs Heads erased *or*.

Argent, on a Fesse wavy *sable*, three Hares Heads couped *Or*.

(Harewell).

Sable, a Cross Moline between 2 Crescents and 2 Decrescents *or*.

(Warmstry).

Argent, a Cross Moline *sable* pierced with a Lozenge *or*.

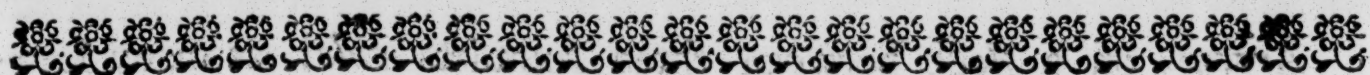
Gules a Cross ingrailed *argent*.

Sable, a chevron between three attires *or*.

Or, on a Bend ingrailed between two Lions Rampants *sable*, three Befants.

Argent, on a chief *sable*, three Lyons Heads of the Field.

Sable, three Arrows *or*.



The Windows in the Cloysters of the Cathedral Church of *Worcester*, consisted formerly of painted Glasse which are now all gone. But Mr. *Abingdon* hath left us the following account of them.

I Begin first on the East-side, and with the first rise up to the middle, which, as the worthiest, is adorned with the Royal Arms of *England*. In the height of this first Window, is *argent*, ten Torteauxes in a quarter *Gules*, our blessed Lady holding our Saviour in her Arms *Or*, being the Arms of the Priory of *Worcester*. In the dexter Pane, *Or*, two Bars undee *Gules*, in a Chief *azure*, two Towers of the Field. (*Fordham*). And below, *Or*, two Lyons passant *azure*. (*Dudley*). Impaling Barry undee of six *Or*, and *sable*. (*Blunt*). The next *Mortimer* with an Escutcheon *Ermine*. In the sinister; *sable*, a Chevron between three Spears Heads *argent*, guttee *Or*, quartering *argent* on a Bend cotised *sable*, the Cotises voided *Or*, three Quaterfoiles of the last. (*Price*, quartering *Darwney*). Below, *Gules*, a Fesse *Or*, and two Mulletts in Chief *argent*. The next *sable*, a Bend between two dexter Hands, with parts of the Arms extended and armed in Mayle, *argent*. In the top of the Window is written *Johannes Dudley* and underneath *Johannes Dudley Subprior Magister Theologiæ*.

In the second Window, and highest Pane, is quarterly, *argent* and *Gules* fretted *Or*, over all a Battoon *sable*. (*Le Despencer*). In the dexter, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Crosses Croslets *Or*, on the Fesse a Crescent *sable* : Impaling quarterly *Argent* and *Gules* fretted

ted Or, over all a Battoon *sable*. (*Beauchamp* impaling *Spencer*). In the finifter, quarterly *Argent* and *Gules* fretted Or, over all a Battoon *sable*, impaling Or, three Chevrons *Gules*. (*Spencer*, impaling *Clare*). In the Window two Hands out of Clouds, holding between them a Ring parted per pale, Or and *Argent*.

In the third Window and higheft Pane, *Gules*, a Fefle between fix Croffes Crofflets Or. (*Beauchamp*). In the dexter, *Gules*, a Fefle between fix Croffes Crofflets Or, impaling, quarterly *Argent* and *Gules*, fretted Or, over all, a Bendlet *sable*. (*Beauchamp*, Impaling *Spencer*). Below *sable*, a Chevron between three Holly-Leaves *Argent*. (*Weston*). The next *Gules* a Lyon Rampant *Queve nowwe furchee Argent*. (*Atwood*). In the finifter, Checke, Or and *Azure*, a Chevron *Ermine*, quartering *Gules*, a Fefle between fix Croffes Crofflets Or. Below *Gules* on a Chevron *Argent* two Gemelles *sables*. (*Throckmorton*). In the next, *Argent*, a Lyon rampant Or; but I think the Colour is rather faded.

In the middle, being the fourth and moft noble Window, *France* and *England* quarterly, underneath, *John Phelipes*. In the dexter Pane, quarterly *Gules* and *Argent* : in the firft, an Eagle displayed Or, on his Breaft an Annulet *sable*; impaling Or, two Barrs *Gules*. (*Phelipes* impaling *Harmanvil*). Below, Or, two Bars *gules*. The next quarterly, *Gules* and *Argent* in the firft an Eagle displayed Or, on her Breaft an Annulet *Sable*. In the finifter, *Argent* on a Bend *Azure*, three Cinquefoiles Or : Impaling *Gules*, on a Saltire *Argent* a Martlet *sable*. (*Cookefey* impaling *Nevil Lord Furnivall*). Below *Argent* on a Bend *Azure*, three Cinquefoiles Or, quartering *Azure*, a Lyon rampant between ten Croffes Crofflets Or. (*Cookefey* quartering *Brewes*). The next *Gules*, on a Saltire *Argent*, a Martlet *sable*, (*Nevil Lord Furnivall*) and written underneath,

Orate pro anima Domini Johannis Phelipes,
Baronis de Downton,
qui hanc fenestram fieri fecit.

In the fifth Window is written aloft, *Johannes Temdebury*. In the dexter, Checkee, *Or*, and *azure*, a Fesse *gules*. (*Clifford*). Below this the first Arms defaced. The next, *Or*, two Lyons passant *azure*, quartering *argent* a Cross undee *azure*, impaling Barree undee of six *Or*, and *sable*. (*Dudley quartering Malpas and impaling Blount*). In the sinister, *Ermine*, a Lyon rampant *gules*, crown'd *Or*, within a Border ingrailed *sable* Befantee: impaling, *gules*, two Barrs vaire. (*Cornwall impaling Mortimer Baron of Burford*). Below parted per Chevron *sable*, and *argent*, in Chief three Leopards Heads *Or*. (*Lychfeild*). The next, *argent*, a Lyon Rampant *gules* debrused with a Bend *sable*, charged with three Mullets *Or*. (*Flete*). Underneath, *Johannes de Temdebury*.

The sixth Window hath in the highest Pane, *ermine*, a Lyon Rampant *gules* crowned *Or*, within a Border ingrailed *sable*, befantee. (*Cornwall*). In the dexter, *ermine*, a Lyon rampant *gules*, crowned *Or*, within a Border ingrailed *sable* befantee, impaling *gules*, two Barrs vaire. (*Cornwall impaling Mortimer*). In the sinister a Lyon Rampant *Gules* crowned *Or*, within a Border ingrailed *sable* befantee. (*Cornwall of Burford*). Underneath,

Orate pro bono statu Richardi Cornwall

Domini & Baronis de Burford,

qui hanc fenestram fieri fecit

In the highest Pane of the seventh Window is *Mortimer* with an Escutcheon *Argent*. In the dexter, *Or*, a Cross *Gules*. (*Ulster*). Underneath *Argent*, a Cross Moline *Sable*, quater peirced *Or*, within a Border ingrailed of the second. In the next Pane, parted per pale *Ermine* and *Sable*, a Chevron ingrailed, counterchanged of the Field. (*Blundell*). In the sinister, *Mortimer* quartering *Or*, a Cross *Gules*, (*Ulster*). Underneath *Or*, a Chevron *Gules* and *Ermine*. (*Stafford of Grafton*). The next, *Argent*, a Raven proper written above and below *Richardus de Wigorn*.

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The North Side of the Cloyster.

IN the first Window of this Side, and highest Pane, *Or*, two Barrs wavy, (in other Places undee) *Gules*, in a Chief *Azure* two Towers *Or*, underwritten,

Orate pro bono statu Magistri Fordham
Doctoris Theologie, Prioris Ecclesie
Cathedralis Wigorn.

In the second Window and highest Pane, *Gules*, a Fesse between six Crosses Croslets *Or*, quartering Checkee, *Or*, and *Azure*, a Chevron *Ermine*; in a Escutcheon, quarterly, *Argent*, and *Gules* fretted *Or*, over all a Bendelet *Sable*. (*Beauchamp* quartering *Warwick* bearing in an Escutcheon *Le Despencer*). Below, in the dexter Pane, *Argent* on a Bend *Azure* three Cinquefoils *Or*. (*Cookesey*). In the sinister, *Or*; a Chevron *Gules*, and quarter *Ermine*. (*Stafford of Grafton*). And under these, in the first Pane *Gules*, on a Cross *Azure* five Pots *Or*; in the dexter, a Mullet of the third, and next parted per pale *Ermine* and *Sable*, a Chevron ingrailed counterchanged. (*Blundell*) In the last two Panes, *Argent*, a Cross Moline within a Border ingrailed *Sable*. (*Mull*). And in the next, *argent*, a Fesse danfatee palee, *sable* and *gules*, between three Mullets of the second, yet seeming *Or*, (*More de Burcester. Co. Oxon*), the Subscription,

Orate pro animabus Thomæ Mull & Matildis
uxoris eius qui istud vitreum fieri fecerunt.

In the third Window, and highest Pane *Or*, a Chevron *Gules*, (*Stafford*), and written below,

Orate pro anima Magistri Johannis Fordham Doctoris
Prioris Ecclesie Cathedralis Wigorniensis.

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In the fourth Window, and two first Panes above, dexter and sinister, this Coat. Or, two Bars undee Gules, in a Chief Azure two Towers of the Field, written below,

Orate pro bono statu Magistri Jonannis Fordham, Sacre pagine Professoris, Prioris Ecclesie Cathedralis Beate Marie Wigornie, qui hanc fenestram fecerat vitreari.

In the fifth Window,

Ecclesie Thomas Collewell tunc Sup-Prior huius,
Qui dedit expensas istam reparare fenestram,
Æ. L. quater M. semel septem semel anno.

In the sixth Window,

Hæc; duas cunctas Thomas Collwelle fenestras,
Fecit in exemplum claustralibus omnibus aptum
Quas binis annis complet cui vita perhennis.

In the seventh is nothing, but Matter of Devotion.



The West Cloyster.

In the first Window,

Orate pro Anima Johannis Lyndely Monachi.
Orate pro Animabus Johannis Fisher, & Agnatis uoris eius.
Wilhelmi Thomas, qui istam fenestram fieri fecerant,
Quorum animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.

In the second Window,

Rex nos Edgarus hic fundavit Deo Charus.
Olla Rex dedit Croythorn, Bradwas, Lawarn, & Wcombe.

Itc.

Kenulphus Rex dedit Hallowe, Hinwick, Hymulton, & Donamsted.

Aldredus Rex dedit Segesborowe.

Etheldredus Rex dedit manerium de Clyve.

In the third Window,

Oswaldus Archiepiscopus, per me fundatus fuit ex Clericis Monachatus.

Aldredus Archiepiscopus dedit manerium de Tedington
Sanctus Wollstanus Episcopus dedit Alveston, & hic omnia Maneria redemit.

Denebertus Episcopus dedit Manerium de Herferton,

Simon Episcopus dedit

In the fourth Window,

Utreodus Rex dedit Shepston, & Stoke Prioris.

Burreodus Rex dedit Wolverley.

Johannes Privilegium de Mitra cum aliis impetravit & Ecclesias de Cropthorn, Overbury, & Wolverley appropriari

In the fifth Window,

Salwaldus Rex dedit Overbury.

Johannes Rex dedit libertatem quatuor Maneriorum de Lindredg, Wolverley, Stoke, & Cleve.

Henricus Rex dedit Bromwich, & medietatem Castri Wigorniensis.

Edwinus Rex dedit Sepston, & quinq; fornaces Salis apud Wich.

Bertwulfus Rex dedit Ecclesiam de Clive Wyke, cum pertinentiis, & Ecclesiam de Sobbery. In

In the sixth Window,

Wulfstanus Episcopus dedit Crowle, Batenhall, Pechley, &
Ecclesiam de Underhill, acquisivit.

Theolwaldus Episcopus, dedit Bevery, & Mitham.

Walterus Episcopus, dedit Grimly, & Mitton.

Godefridus Episcopus dedit Ecclesiam de Grimly & Hallowe.

In the seventh Window,

Hutridus Dux Mores Nuenham cum Peverellus de
Bello Campo Miles dedit Codeston.

Gilbertus Comes de Pembroke dedit Ecclesiam de Dogeldon.

Leofricus Comes dedit Blackwell.

On the Lavatory in the West Cloyster, and in the midst, was quarterly *France* and *England*, on the dexter, a Cross Fleurette between five Martlets. In the sinister, ten Torteauxes and in a quarter our Blessed Lady with our Saviour in her Arms. In the last on the right Hand, a Crosier Staff with a Bishop's Mitre between *W.* and *M.* In the last, on the left Hand, on a Chevron ingrailed between three Martlets, a roundel and two Birds in Chief, three Cocks, over all a Mitre.

Over a West Door In this Walk, first, quarterly *France* and *England*. Next in an Escutcheon ten Torteauxes, being the Arms of the Bishoprick of *Worcester*.

*The Windows of the South Cloyster contain the
Miracles of St. Wolstan, as follows.*

In the first Light.

Wulfstano tristi frustra librum rapuisti,
Lusibus ad mota puero parit hec nova vota

Hic

Hic inter vepres fugit
Mundicie testem Monachalem suscipe Vestem,
. gatur multū duce turpia fatur
Attritis costis me cum pede perfodit hostis
Culmine de vasso tuo Surg pentibus Sto.
Hic est collatus Wulstano Pontificatus
Hic consecratur Presul Pastorque creatur.

In the second Light.

Rex baculum sancti reddi jubet ore minantē
Est mihi pro nulla toga Presulis apta cuculla
Ecce recens signum rapitur de marmore lignum
Ecce virens plante patris crescit prece sanate
De loculis plenis hic quod fundatur egenis.

In the third Light.

Annulus a degito mihi non rapietur avito
Mor ait orate quid dormitis vigilate
Antistes Sanctus Hereforde vir venerandus
Audiit hec dici sepelito funus amici,
A grege ploratur Pastor Wulstanus Ma
Cum Domini dono tibi me committo Patrono.

In the fourth Light.

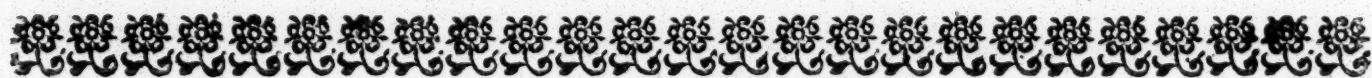
Verba loquor recta datur hic mihi lingua resecta
Tota stupet hū quod curatur Paradisi
Quod datur in pane vici totum sit inane
Lepra fugit tota squamosa pelle remota
Mens datur amenti discretio recta furenti.

In the fifth Light.

. Quod morsus dat tibi dicos
Ecce viam tutus a vinc'lis pergo solutus
Cuncta potest qui te reddet Paralytice vite
Seru privatus sit vir vid et ex oculatus
Sancte Pater petimus fer opem Mulsane perimus.

In the sixth Light.

Uis erit a tumba quo surgit merfus in unda
Tumba viri celebris signis viget inclita crebris
Hic claudis, mutis, cecis erit unda salutis
. tes ales hanc
Celitus emissum amissum.



An account of the Monuments of the Cathedral Church of *Worcester*.

NOW to come to the Monuments : I will begin with his first, who is the ancientest in *England* of all his Majesty's Royal and Lineal Ancestors from *William* the Conqueror, King *John* I mean; for *Henry* the First, altho' he was interred in his magnificent Abby at *Reading*, yet is he involved in the Ruins and deformed Heaps of that confused Chaos. Hither was the Body of this King when he had clos'd his Eyes in that turbulent Night of this Realm, conducted by his Faithful Subject and Servant, that glorious Son of *England*, *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke*. In the Choir before the high Altar, on a fair raised Marble Monument, lieth his Portraiture
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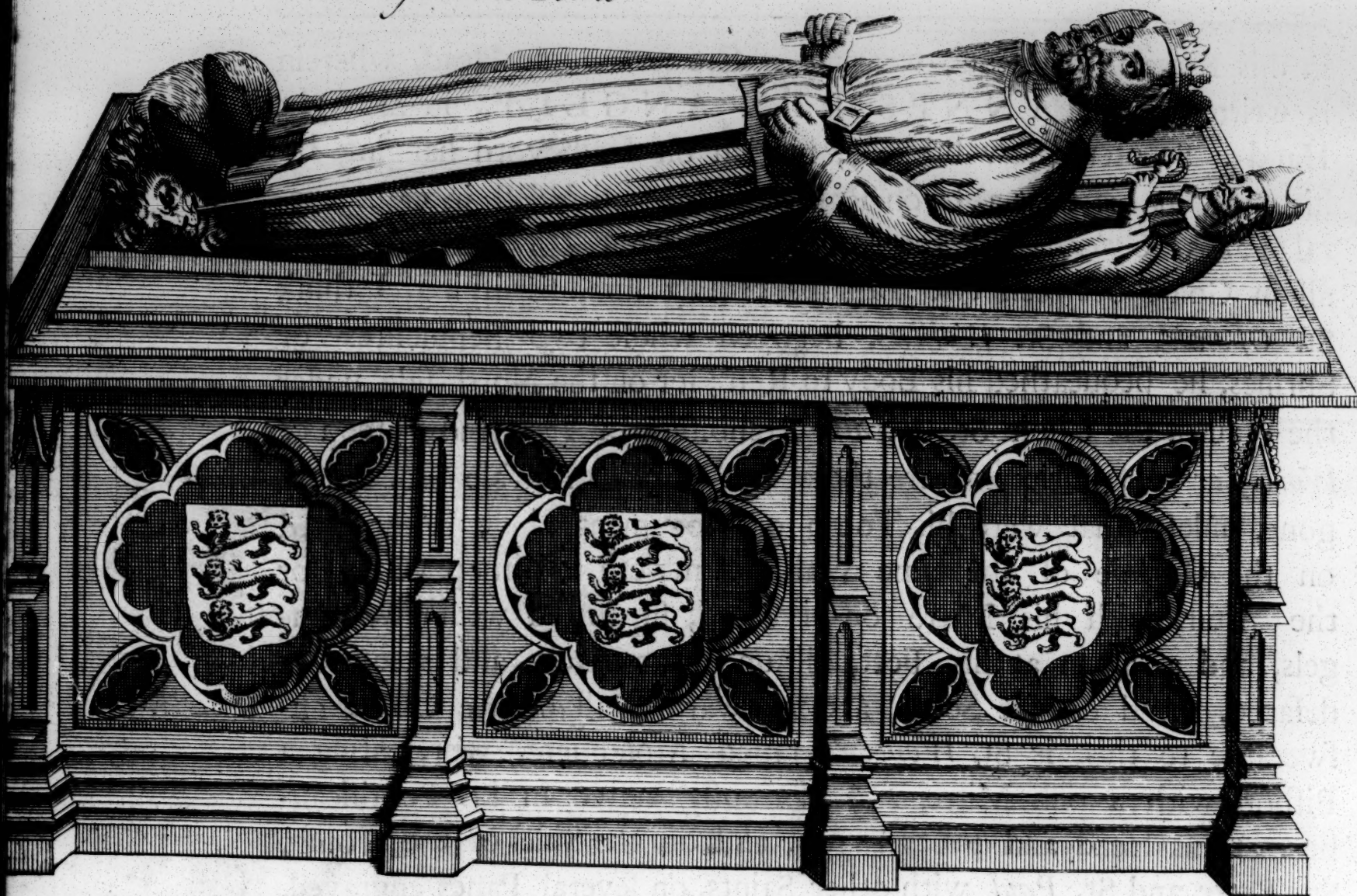
in his Royal Ornaments, wearing a Crown on his Head, wherein is written, JOHANNES REX ANGLIÆ,, in his right Hand a Scepter (now broken), his left on his Sword hanging by his Side, at his Feet a Lyon Rampant Or; and below in eight several Panes, Gules, three Lyons Passant gardant Or. So shineth he all in Gold, between two Bishops censuring him, signifying, I think St. Oswald, and St. Wolstan, between whose two Sepulchres or Shrines, he bequeathed his Body to Rest; for on the North-side, under the Wall of the Choir St. Oswald, Archbishop of York, and Bishop of Worcester was buried, where there was a plain Marble Stone, now gone, unless that were his Tomb or Monument which being raised on the Outside of the same Wall, resembleth a Bishop vested for the Altar, with his Mitre on his Head, supported with two Angels, and a Lyon at his Feet, all under an Arch, and somewhat defaced. And on the South and outward Wall of the Choir, answerable to this, is St. Wolstan's raised Monument, representing a Bishop with a rich Mitre, and gloriously vested in his Pontificalibus, at his Head and Feet Angels, and on the Side of the Tomb, St. Peter and St. Paul with other Saints, on several Panes engraved.

The Figure of the King as big as the Life and the two Bishops at his Head in little, are carved in one Stone of grey Marble, which seemeth to be as Antient as the time of Henry the Third; but the Altar Tomb on which it is placed, is of a Modern Fabrick. It hath no Inscription, but in Matth. Paris there is this Epitaph.

*Hoc in Sarcophago sepelitur Regis imago
Qui moriens multum sedavit in orbe tumultum
Et cui connexa dum vixit probra manebant
Hunc mala post mortem timor est nefata sequantur
Qui legis hæc metuens dum cernis te moriturum
Discito quid rerum pariat tibi meta dierum.*

Sand. Gen. Hist. p. 86. Matth. Paris, p. 288.

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J. Mynde sc.

On the left side of the high Altar is Prince *Arthur's* curious Chapel, all framed of choise Stone, the Sides with Windows of Pillars and Arches inletting Light : The East End, where once an Altar stood, was sometimes graced with rare Imagery Work. Here were painted *France* and *England* quartered within the Garter, supported with a Dragon and Greyhound, all covered with an Imperial Crown, and under, *Vivat Regina*, garnished about with Red Crosses inclosing the White; and next, the same Arms also quartered with a Label of three, *Argent*, supported by two Stags proper, tyred and unguled *Or*, and over all a Prince's Crown, the Vest adorned with Ostriches Feathers, the Badges of *Wales* within princely Crowns. The West hath a Wall answerable to the former, and all aspiring to an enbowed Roof artificially fretted, with a Pendent in the midst, on the Bosse whereof, are the Princes Arms crowned as before

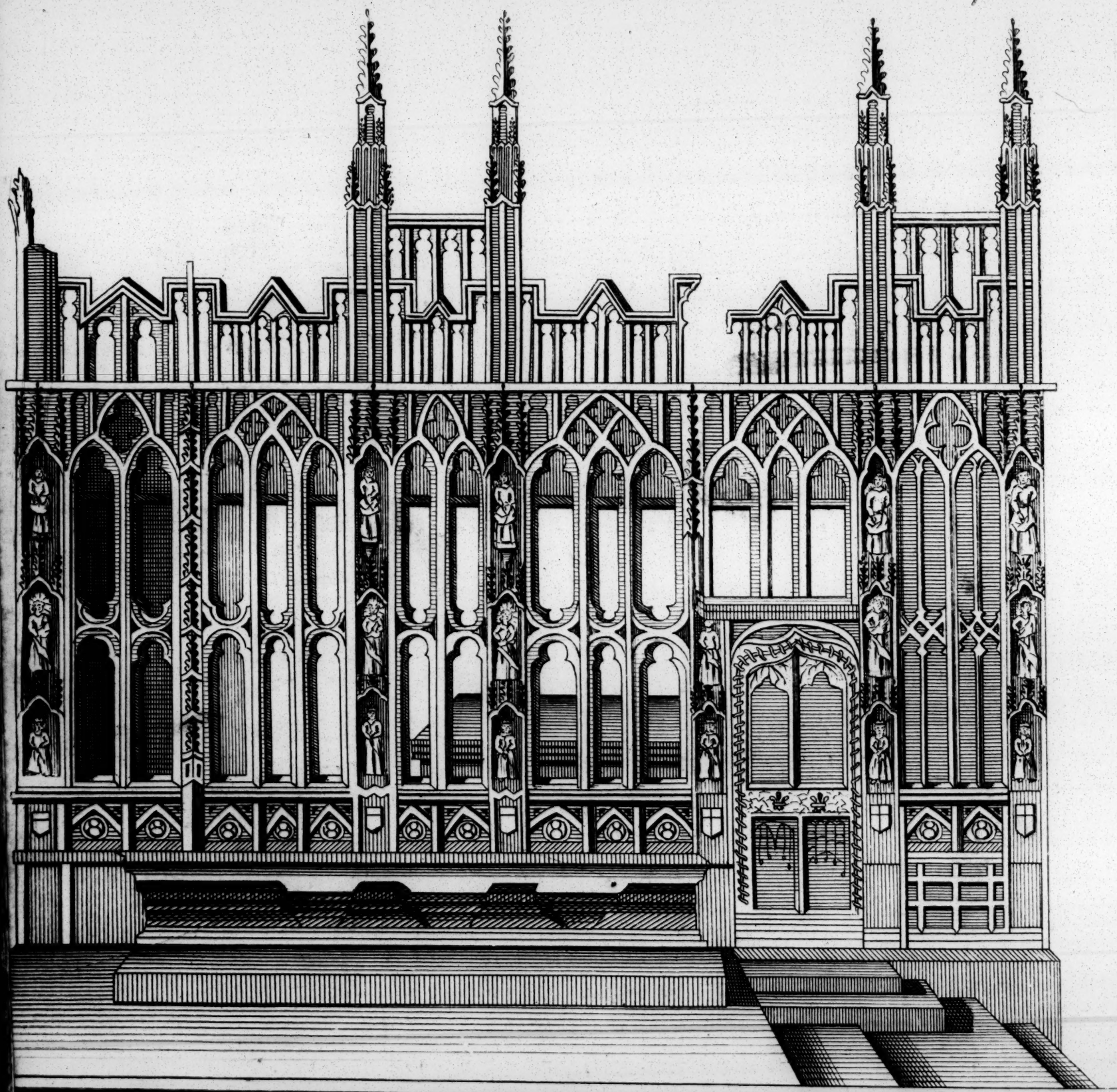
fore, and with Ostriches Feathers, encompassed with Crowns graven in Stone. Under this is a fair raised Marble Tomb, at the Head and Feet, and in three several Panes, on either Side quarterly, *France* and *England*, with a Label of three, *Argent*. Above which, and about the Monument, is this Inscription:

Heere lieth buried prince Arthur the first begotten Sonne of the righte Renowned King Henry the Seventh which noble Prince departed out of this transitory life att the Castle of Ludlowe the seaventeenth yere of our Lord God on thousand five hundred and two.

The North Out-side, like the In-side, is gloriously set out with the Statues of Saints, and Eicutcheons supported with Angels, over all a Battlement wrought in Panes with Pyramids. The South Side being deeper, riseth higher in fundry Pillars, beautified with five Orders of Images, &c. *Virgins*, *Bishops*, *Kings*, *Confessors*; and *Angels*, which dividing Nineteen several Panes, present as many Impressions. The first, our saviour crowned, and an Angel attending. The second; quarterly *France* and *England*, impaling these four Coats; the first, *France* and *England* quartered as before; the next a Cross, for the Earldom of *Wulster*; the third, as the second; the last, *Mortimer* Earl of *March*; and over all an Imperial Crown supported with Angels, and the Arms themselves with a Greyhound collared, and a Lyon gardant. The other Panes being replenished with Royal and Princely Symbols and Badges, I will briefly deliver them, because I will not detain you with tedious Repetitions: There is the Rose in the Sunbeams for the House of *York*; a Fesse of Pheons or Arrows within a Band, a Type of mutual Concordance; a Falcon open within an open Horselock flourished with Roses, a Device of the Dukes of *York*, one Rose including another, intimating the House of *Lancaster* enclosing *York*; all which, with the Rose and Ostriches Feathers, signify these distracted Streams now united in one, and flowing peaceably in King *Henry* the Seventh's Issue. The others being intermixed with the Port-cullis, Fleur-de-Lis, and Pomegranates, import our King's Right to *France*, and to his Son's Match with *Spain* (a).

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The North Side of Prince Arthur's Chappel

The South prospect of it you may find in Sandford's Genealogical History

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Countess of Surrey

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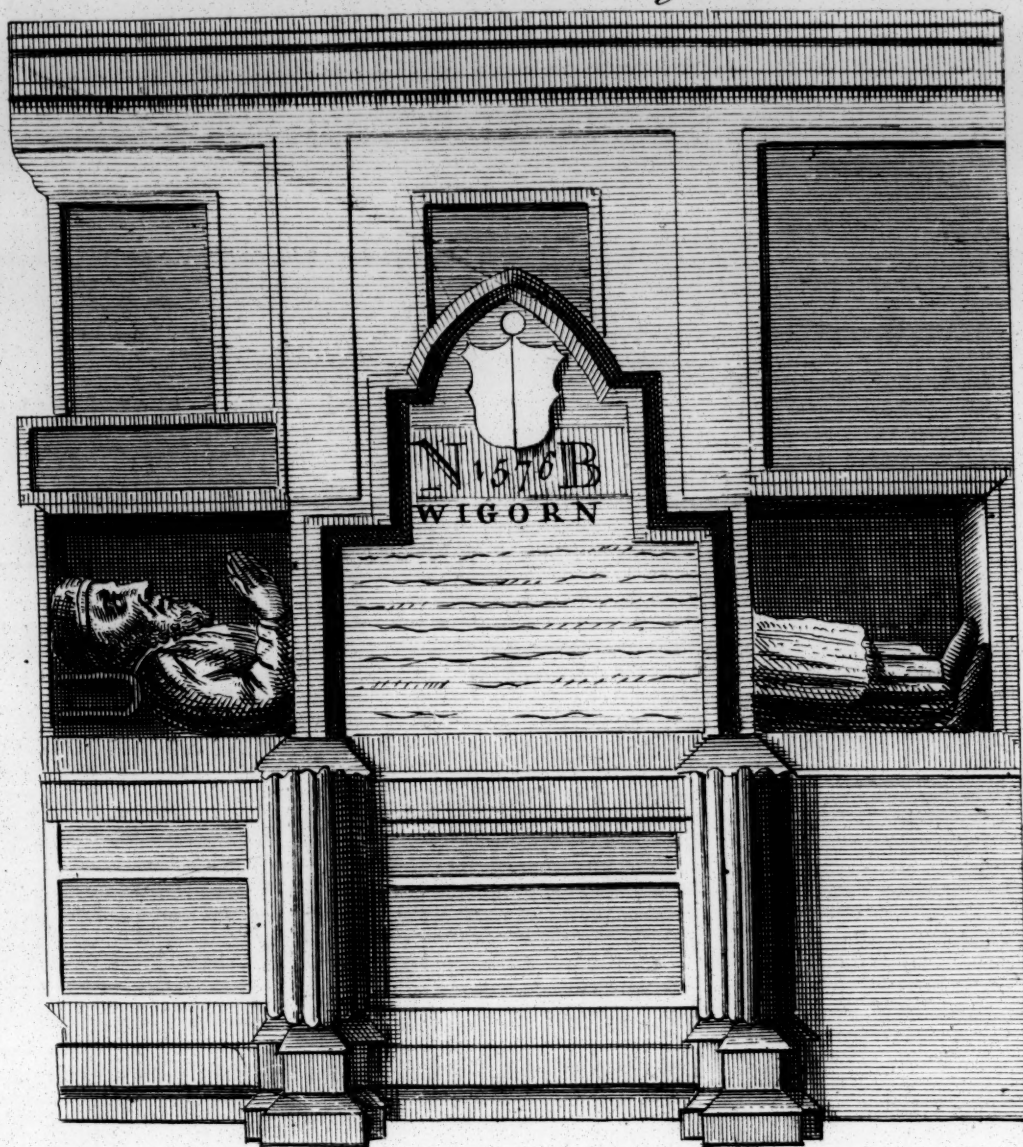
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The other Arms, as well of the King as Prince of *Wales*, because they were before most eminent in the Chappel, I will not here again blazon. The last I mean to touch, which being the double Rose within the Garter, and changeably over the Tomb of a great Lady, buried at the Feet of St. *Wolstan*, giveth some Occasion to a Fable, that this was the Countess of *Salisbury*, who blushing at the Loss of her Garter in a Dance, ministred Matter to King *Edward* the Third to institute the most Ancient and Honourable Order of the Garter, never considering, that the terrible Dissention and Union of these Roses were many Years after the Death of King *Edward* the Third; wherefore leaving these Roses within the Garter (signifying that Noble Knighthood) as an Ornament only of Prince *Arthur*'s Chappel, I will digress and descend to this Lady's raised Monument lodged in Earth under this stately Chappel. On her Head she hath a Veil, on her Chin a Wymplet or deep Muffler, which I conjecture to be an Ensign of Honour; in her Hands lifted up to Heaven a Pair of Beads dependant, on her inward Garment, in divers small Escutcheons, *Or*, a fretted *Gules*; on her Mantle, in like Fashion, *Chekee*, *Or* and *Azure*, at her Feet a Talbot, the Side of the Tomb consisting of five Panes, engraved with the Images of St. *Paul* and other Saints. I conjecture, by the Arms on her Garment, being the Lord *Verdon*'s, that she was of that Noble Family, and by those on her Mantle, being *Warren*'s, Earl of *Surrey*, that she was Countess of *Surrey* by Marriage, (a).

(a) This is confirmed by the following Passage in a Book, intituled, --- Nicolai Uptoni de studio Militari, libri quatuor. Johannis de Bado aureo, Tractatus de Armis, &c. Notæ, pag. 94.

Monumentum hoc ad Austrum in Choro Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Worcesteriæ positum, in Marmore summa arte excisum, ob antiquitatem (cum ab Henrici tertii temporibus duraverit, quod ex habitu ipsius Domine aliaque Sculptura facile collegimus) hunc locum meruit. Paterno genere ex familia Verdonorum fuit, & conjux cujusdam Comitissæ Surriæ, e Warrennis; vestis enim Interior Verdonorum, habet insignia, Exterior Warrennorum, per quem morem ortunt, & conjugia Heroine olim exprimebant, nec vetustius usquam temere reperias, itaque hujus loci merito est.

*B.^p Goldisburgh's wife.
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On the North-side of the high Altar, is in the Wall a cumbent Statue of Bishop Bullingham with this Inscription,

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NICHOLAUS EPUS
WIGORN

HERE BORN, HERE BISHOP, BURIED HERE
A BULLINGHAM BY NAME AND STOCKE
A MAN TWICE MARRIED IN GODS FEARE
CHIEF PASTOR LATE OF LINCOLN FLOCK

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WHOM OXFORD TRAINED UP IN YOWTHE
WHOM CAMBRIDGE DOCTOR DID CREATE
A PAINFULL PREACHER OF THE TRUTHE
WHO CHANG'D THIS LIFE FOR HAPPY STATE

18^o APRILIS 1576

On the top of this Tomb is a Sheild with these Arms. *Sable*, an Eagle displayed *Argent*, membred and beaked *Gules*, with a Branch in her Mouth *Vert* : On a cheif *Or*, a Rose between two Crosses botonnee *Gules*.

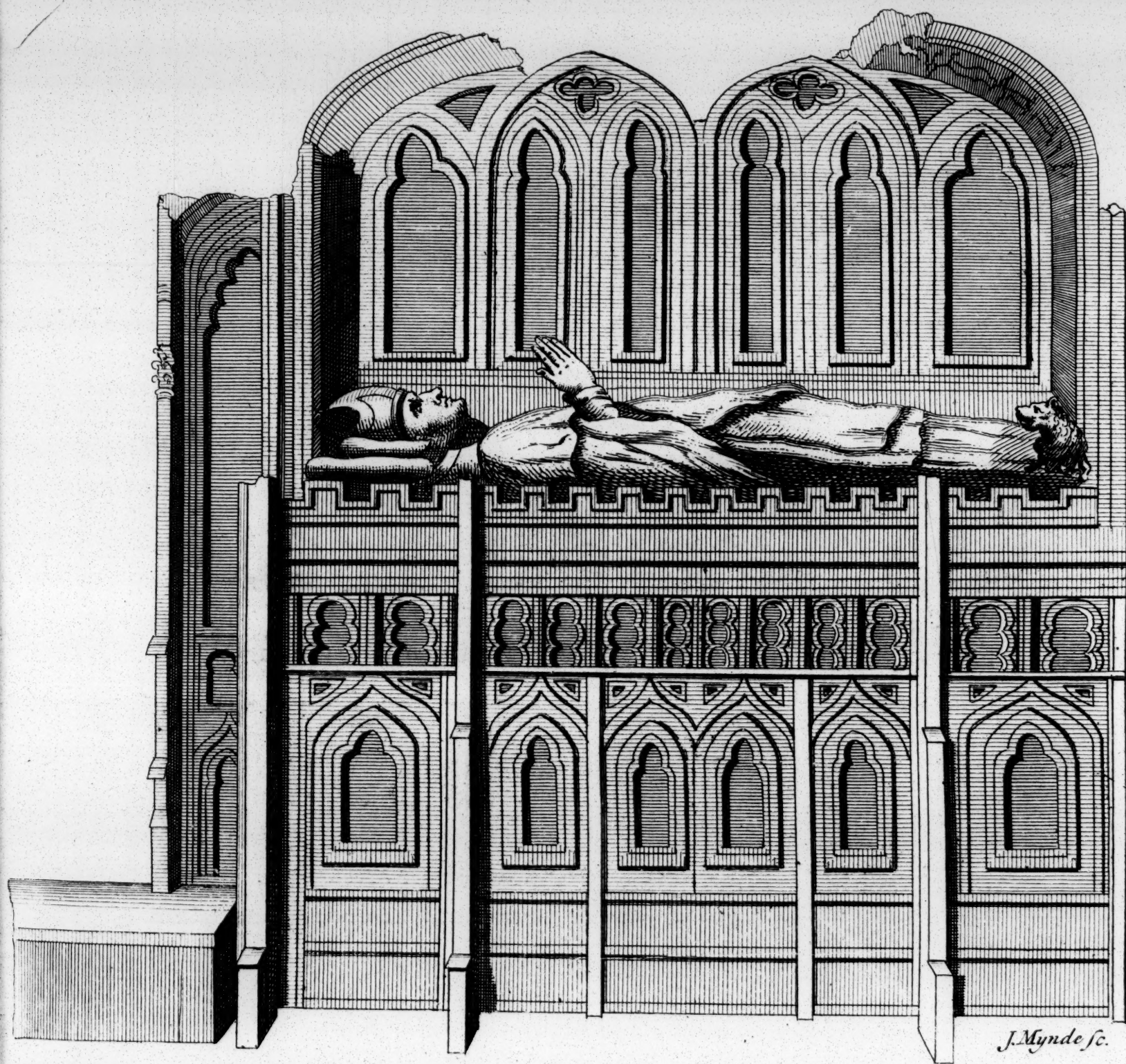
Next below this is within an Arch a Lady kneeling and underneath this Infcription,

PERPETUÆ PIETATI SACRUM

IN REVEREND AND PIOUS REMEMBRANCE OF HIS DEAR MOTHER
ABIGAIL, SOMETIME WIFE TO THE REVERENDE
FATHER IN GOD GODFREYE LATE BISHOP
OF GLOUCESTER, THEIR SECOND SONNE
HENRY GOLDISBURGHE HATHE
ORDAINED THIS
MONUMENT
WHO BEQUEATHING HIS SOUL BY
HIS MEDIATOR TO GOD, HIS
BODY BY HIS MOTHER TO
THIS PLACE : DEPARTED
THIS LIFE
JULII XXX^o ANNO SALUT. MDCXIII.

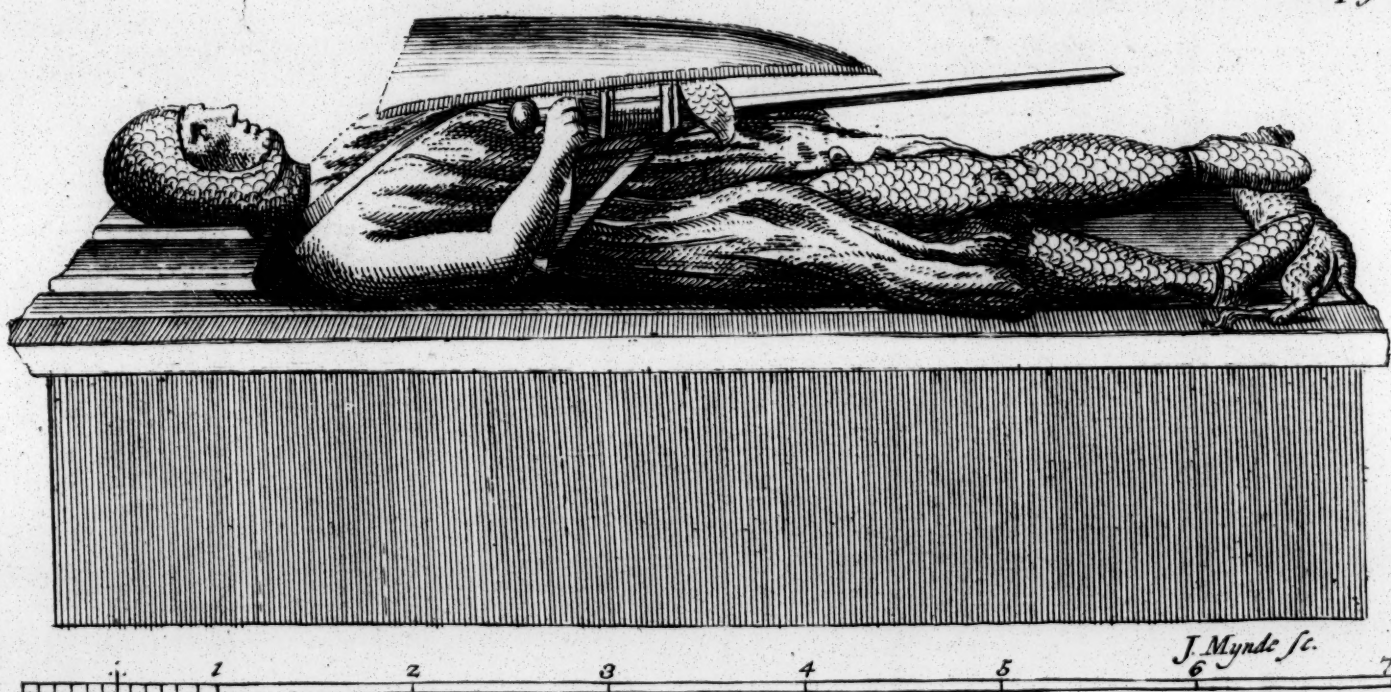
On the top is a Sheild with these Arms. Parted per pale *Or*, and *azure*, on a chevron three Fleurs de Lis between three Puttocks Heads erased, all counterchanged of the Field.

In



S^r James Beauchamp.

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In the Ile on the North-side of this Choir opposite to the Door under the second Window is a raised Monument of a Bishop vested for the Altar and Mitred, supposed by some to be the Tomb of St. *Wolstan de Brainsford*. But Mr. *Abingdon* is doubtful whether it be a Bishop or Prior, if it be a Prior, it is the most likely to be the Tomb of *John de Evesham*, who died *March* the 27. 1370, and was buried in the North Ile, being one of the first Priors interred in the Church (a) : for in the Window over his Tomb in the second Pane was the Portraiture of a Prior with two Mitres one on his Head and the other in his left Hand, and in his right a Staff of Authority, and written JOHANNES EVESHAM PRIOR PRIVILEGIUM DE MITRA.

On the Ground by him towards the East, is an antient Tomb of the holy Voyage armed all in Mail saving his Face, and clad in a Soldiers Coat, his right Hand on his Sword, on his left Arm his Shield, his Legs crossed and at his Feet a Lyon, he beareth no Armory but in the first Pane of the Window over him was *Gules*, a Fesse between six Crosses Crozlets *Or*, on the Fesse a Crescent *Sable*, for difference, the Arms of the *Beauchamps*, so it is probable this was the Tomb of Sir *James Beauchamp* Knight Templar.

(a) *Willis's Account of the Priors.*



Monuments in our Lady's Chappel.

Under the great East Window was the High Altar of the Virgin *Mary*, and before it on the Ground lie in equal distance the Portraits of two Bishops vested for the Altar with Mitres on their Heads, their right Hands blessing and their left holding

ing Crofiers. These I take to be the Tomb Stones of *John de Constantiis* and *Godfrey de Giffard* who were both buried here the first on the North-side and the second on the South-side of the great Altar.

On a small Marble Monument fixed to the North Wall,

Ex terris

D.

M S.

Here lyeth buried so much as
could dye of ANNE the Wife of
IZAAK WALTON

Who was

A Woman of remarkable Prudence and of the *Primitive Piety*, her great and general Knowledge being adorned with such true Humility, and blest with so much Christian Meekness as made her worthy of a more memorable Monument, she dyed (alas that she is dead) the 17th of *April* 1662 Aged 52.

Study to be like her.

Below this under the first Arch is a fair Alabafter Monument erected by Bishop *Thornborough* in 1627, fourteen Years before his Death. On the Tomb lies his Statue in his Episcopal Robes, curiously carved with an Arch or Canopy over him, on the top of the South-side of which is this Inscription,

DENARIUS PHILOSOPHORUM. DUM SPIRO SPERO.

And over against it on the North-side,

IN UNO 2^o 3^a 4^{or} 10. NON SPIRANS SPER

Over

John de Constantine



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Godfridus Giffard



J. Mynde Sc.



Over his Head.

Qui dormis attolle
caput, quia in infirmi-
tate virtus, in Morte
vita, in tenebris Lux.

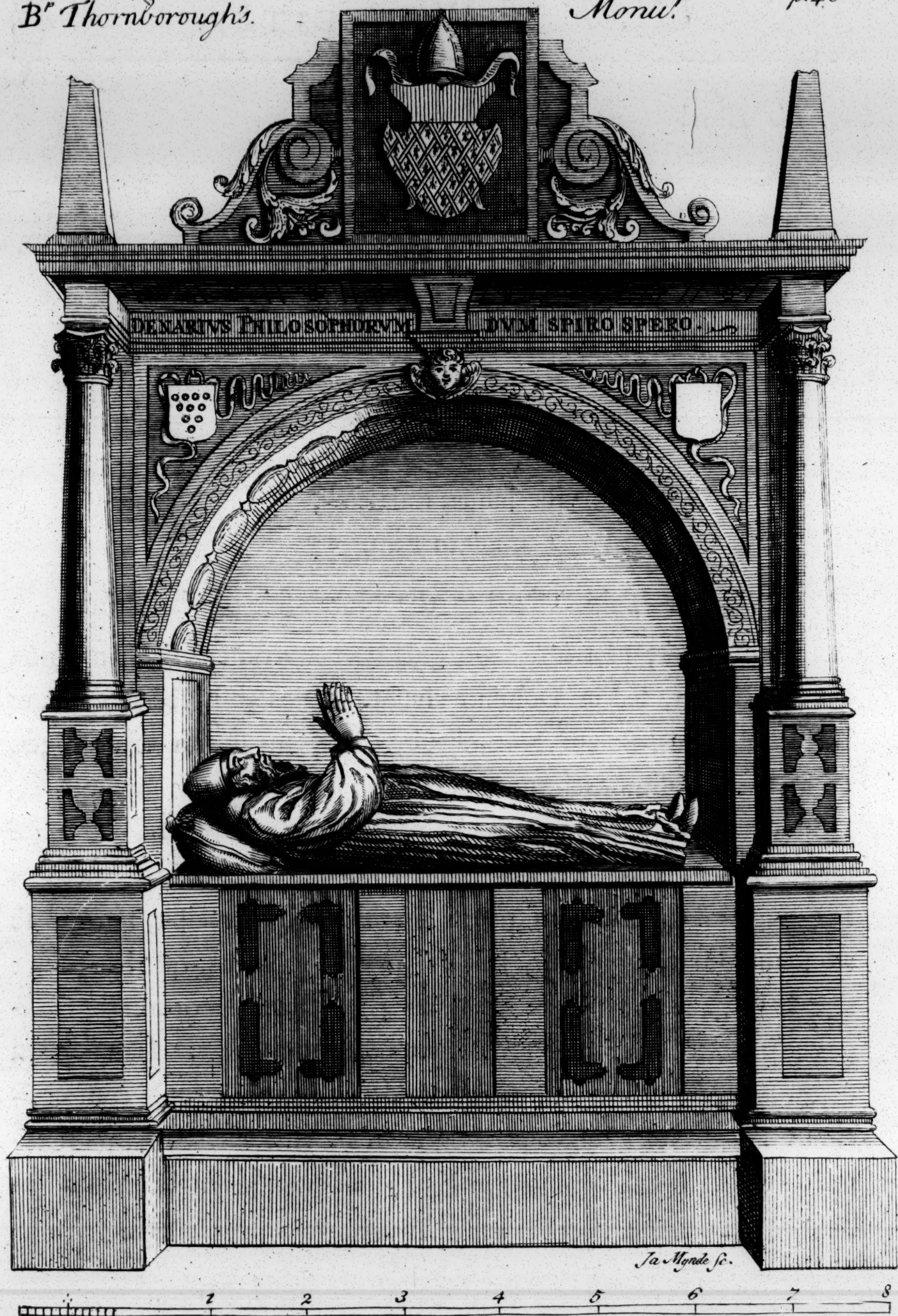
Over his Feet.

Mors nubecula transf-
-iens, laborum finis,
vitæ Janua, scala cœli,
mihi lucrum,

On a Wooden Tablet fixed to the North-side of the Pillar.

Mors vitam eripit, non interimit, quia licet mortui esse desinant, non tamen pereunt, sed in Domino vivunt. Æstas abiit, sed alter illam adducet Annus, Solem Nox obruit, sed ipsam statim dies abiget, et in die novissimo resurgent mortui. Monumentum monet mentem non fugæ, sed translationis, non enim e vita fugere, sed exire dicimur, ut ubi sepelitur peccatum cum peccante, resurgat peccans sine peccato. Venientem nemo hilaris mortem recipit, nisi qui se ad illam diu composuerit, sed de tumulo sollicitus, quod expectat semel certo, exoptat sæpe serio, ut qui in freto laborum diu navigavit, in portu securitatis et salutis tandem requiescat. Hanc ipsam quam agimus, vitam cum morte dividimus quotidie, quia cum crescimus ipsi decrescit vita; et licet unus sit vitæ introitus, multi tamen sunt exitus; Nec enim nobis hac in vita peregrinantibus habitandi domum, sed commorandi diverforium dedit Deus.

He died at *Hartlebury* 3. July 1641, Aged 94.



Over-against it on the South-side there is raised under the first Arch another fair Tomb supported by four Pillars of the *Corinthian* Order with a cumbent Statue, at the Feet of which is this Inscription.

Viator ad tumulum de

Reverendissimo Viro Domino

RICHARDO EEDES olim hujus

Ecclesiæ Decano.

Ede, quis hic? Eedes. Ede cur hic? quia præfuit Ædi?

Hoc domino qualis? visa? Beata domus!

Ede, gradum, Doctor. Qualis? Sacer, Oxoniensis.

Tamnè pius vita, quam fuit ore? fuit.

Cur lapis et loqueris? Sub me jacet Orphea vicens.

Ille facit plusquam faxa movere, loqui,

Cur lapis et lacrymans? Jacturam defleo tantam.

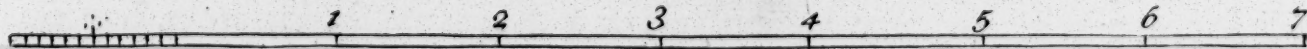
Eja viatorem me quoque flere facis.

On the Right Side above his Feet is *Argent* ten Torteauxes in a quarter *Gules*, our blessed Lady holding in her Arms our Saviour *Or*, being the Arms of the Colledge of *Worcester*. Next below *Vert*, a Cross between four Calthrops *Or*. And lowest of all, *Argent* a chevron between three Escollops *Sable*. On the the left side *Vert*, a chevron ingrailed between 3 Leopard's Heads *Argent*. *Vert*, on a chevron ingrailed between three Crosses Croflets fichee *Sable*, two Lyons *Or*. The lowest Blank over all is an Arch supported with Pillars in the concavity whereof is upheld by an Angel an Escoccheon *Vert*, a chevron ingrailed between three Leopards Heads *Argent*; and upon the Arch over his Head the same Arms, and on a wreath *Argent* and *Vert*, a Lyons Foot of the first out of a Lawrel of the second, expressing his excellency in Poetry, and these ascending between Pyramids have on the top for a Conclusion a Maiden, holding in her right Hand a Shield with *Argent*, ten Torteauxes, and in her left a Book. (a).

(a) MS. Ab.



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Bishop Blanford's Monu.^t
 this Chapel behind the
 monu^t of B.^r Blanford B.^r
 and B.^r

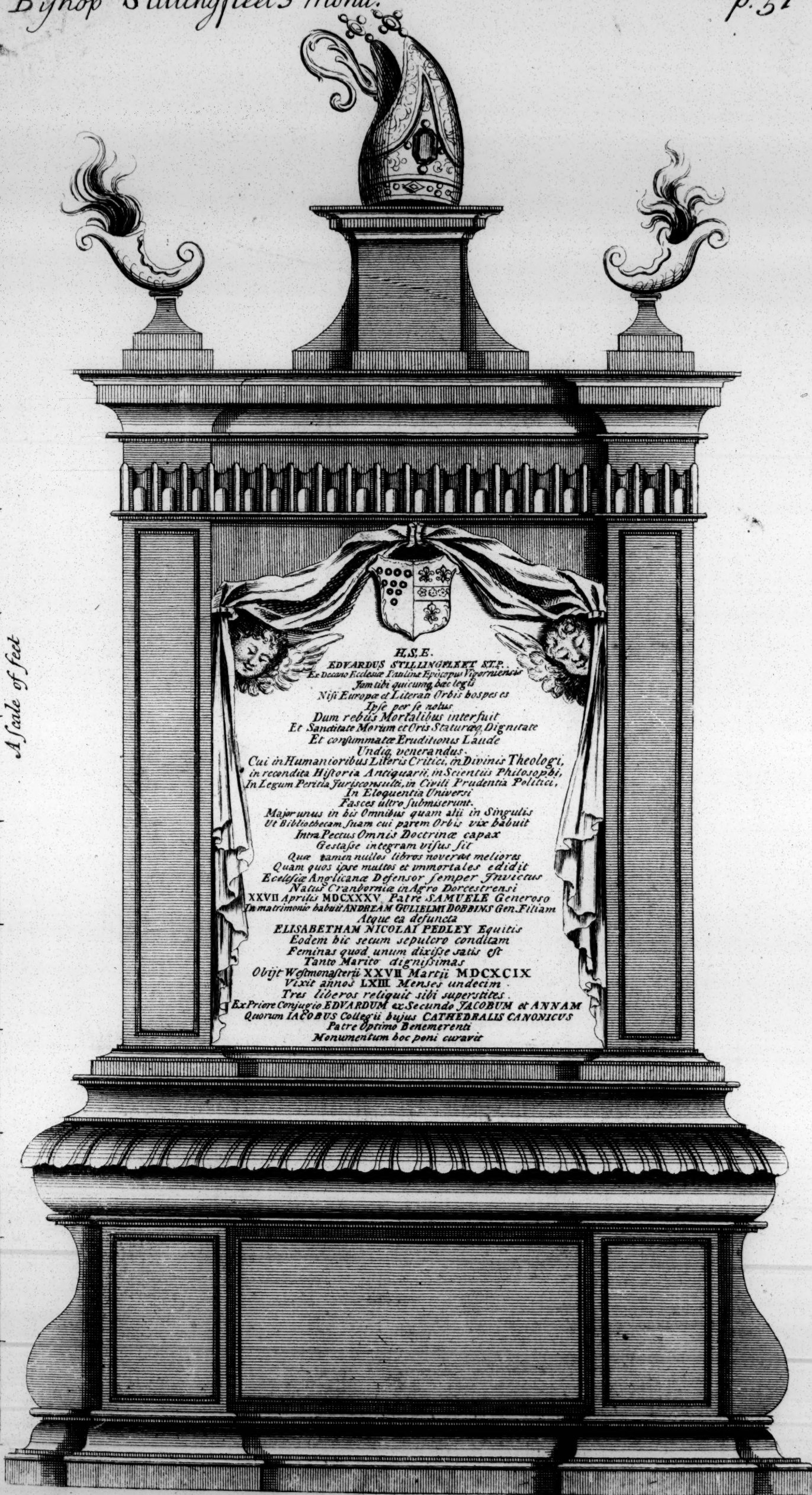
On the west wall of p. 49
 High Altar of the Choir are
 Fleetwood B.^r Stillingfleet
 Gauden.



H. S. I.
 GUALTERUS BLANDFORD S.S.T.P.
 PRIDEM COLLEGI WADHAMENSIS GARDIANUS
 POSTEA OXONIENSIS
 DEMUM WIGORNIENSIS EPISCOPUS.
 ET
 SACELLI REGII DECANUS.
 VIR
 AD PRIMORUM ECCLESIE TEMPORUM EXEMPLUM FACTUS
 ET FUTURORUM OMNIUM NATUS.
 SUMMIS HONORUM FASTIGIIS ITA ADMOTUS
 UT
 PERPETUO SUPRA INVIDIAM
 CITRA MERITUM CONSISTERET.
 NON SECVLI ARTIBVS ASSENTATIONE AUT AMBITV
 SED PIETATE MODESTIA ANIMI DIMISSIONE
 ET DIGNITATUM FUGA CLARUS.
 AR
 ACADEMIE GUBERNACULO AD ECCLESIE CLAVVM
 (QUAE ANCEPS MAGIS PROCURATIO)
 AD CONSCIENTIE PRINCIPIS REGIMEN EVOCATUS.
 MUNERIBVS OMNIBVS PAR
 QUASI UNICO IMPENDERETUR.
 NIMIRVM
 ERUDITIONE RECONDITA ACADEMIAM
 SANCTISSIMA PRUDENTIA DIOECESIM
 ILLIBATA PIETATE AULAM ILLUSTRABAT.
 DONEC
 PERPETVVS LABORIBVS ET MORBO DIUTINO
 (QUEM INVICTA ANIMI CONSTANTIA TOLERAVERAT)
 CONFECTUS,
 FACULTATIBVS SVIS
 DEO ECCLESIE PAUPERIBVS
 DISTRIBVTIS.
 SUMMO BONORVM OMNIUM LUCTV
 ANIMAM COELO REDDIDIT.
 JUL. XVI A.D. MDCLXXV
 ETATIS LIX



A scale of feet





Juxta hoc marmor positæ sunt reliquæ Johannis Gaudenii
SST. D. Essex oriund qui anno illo mirabili restitutionis Regis
Car. II. ad sedem Exoniens subvectus, inde favore ejusdem
Regis ad Cathedram hanc Wigorn. statim vacantem transla-
tus est, sed honorem quem optime meruit non ita diu sustinuit,
meliori enim sorte dignus jussus est a supremo rege ad Beatorum
sedes demigrare, ubi expectat novam translationem harum
scilicet reliquiarum in novissima omnium restitutione.

Hoc monumentum non memoriæ (quam scripta haud
sine perire) sed amoris ergo posuit Conjux mestissima
Epitaphium par meritis scripsisse. suum posuit solummodo
ingenium adscriptus est immortalibus vicesimo die mensis

Septembris Anno MDCLXII Ætat LVI

*Sepultus Sept. 29.
Reg. par. S. Michaelis*



J. Mynde sc.



Inscriptions on the Floor upon flat Stones.

H. J. S.

R^{dus} in Christo Pater ac Dominus

ROBERTUS SKINNERUS

Coll. Sctæ Trinitatis Oxon. Socius

Carolo 1^o Britanniarum Monarchæ a Sacris

Doctōratum in Sacra Theologia Almæ matris

Diplomate oblatum sine Ambitu cepit.

A Rectoria Launton Dioceseos Oxon

Ad Episcopatum Bristoliensem Evocatus

(Tantus Ecclesiæ Filius meruit cito fieri Parens)

Mox ad sedem Oxoniensem translatus.

Turre Londinensi a Perduellibus diu incarceratus

Tam sine Culpa quam Examine exivit:

A Carolo 2^{do} ad sedem Vigorniensem promotus

Postquam Presbyteris Sanciendis assuetam dextram

Sufficiendis Præsulibus mutuam dedisset

(Eorumq; quinque a suo Collegio *Synchronois*)

Omnibus ante Sacrilegam Usurpationem Episcopus Superstes

Junii XIV^o A. D. MDCCLXX Octogenarius

Ad Summum Animarum Episcopum ascendit

Primus Gratia nunc Gloria consecratus.

On this Gravestone are the Arms of the See of *Worcester*; Impaling a Chevron between three Griffins Heads erased.

On another.

A Border and Chevron *Ermine* between three Leopards Heads, empaling a Fesse in chief three Roses, and in Base a Lyon Rampant, with this Inscription,

H. S. J.

Elizabetha Gauden juxta Mariti
depositum, Resurrectionis Candidata
Guilielmi Russell, de Chipnam in
Comitatu Cantabrigiensi Baronetti Filia,
Johannis Gauden Episcopi Wigorniensis
omnium Calculo desideratissimi olim
Uxor. Formæ venustæ, Fortunæ amplæ,
affectus nec non obsequii amplioris;
virtutis undequaque amplissimæ, Non
Gemmis, sed Moribus honestata;
decorata Matrona, Antistitis præstan-
tissimi derelicta Vidua præstantissima,
mærore tabescens fato defuncta Mar. 21,
Ætatis anno 56. MDLXXI.

On another,

A Chevron between three Escallops, and this Inscription,
Henricus Townshend Armig. ob. 24. Aprilis, Anno Dⁿⁱ. 1663.

And by him another,

Here lyeth the Body of Dorothea, the Relick of Hen. Townshend
Esq; Aged 75 ob. the 13th Jan. Anno 1685.

On

On another.

Ten Cross Crosets, empaling a Chevron *Ermine*, between three Annulets, insign'd with an Helmet, and on a Torse a Martlet, with this Inscription,

Subtus Jacet

CAROLUS MOORE, hujus Diæceseos.

Per spatium septem annorum Registrarius,

MARIAM JOHANNIS CLUTTON

Arm. Filiam in Matrimonium duxit, sed febre correptus rapida,
mæstissimam viduam duasque amantissimo orbatas Parente
filias superstites reliquit. Importunus fane
dies qui eum tam charis arripuit pignoribus,
nisi idem Deo reddidisset.

Obiit 14. Augusti

Anno Salutis 1700.

Ætatis 32.

On another adjacent.

A Cross Fleury Empaling a Chevron between three Crescents,
with this Inscription.

Depositum

Josephi Warde Generosi,

E nobis sublati 26. Februarii 1680.

A^o Ætatis suæ 64.

On another,

Hic jacet, quod mortale fuit
Guil. Geers, Gen. Herefordiensis

O 4

Qui

Qui obiit Februr.
Anno Salutis 1665.
Ætatis 44.

On another.

ALICIA, OR
ALES, THE WIFE OF THOMAS TOMKINS,
ONE OF THE GENTLEMEN OF HIS MAJESTIES
CHAPPELL ROYALL, A WOMAN FULL
OF FAITH AND GOOD WORKS. SHE
DYED THE 29. JANUARY 1641.

On the next adjoining.

M. S.
Johannis Price, L. L. B.
Qui,
postquam diu huic Episcopatui pariter
ac Capitulo multifariam inserviando,
Ad utriusque Commodum (nec ullius injuriam)
plurimum desudasset, tandem ab
Edvardo Stillingfleet Antistite,
Illo hujus Ecclesiæ nunquam satis celebrando,
in Vicarium suum Generalem, & Officiale
Principalem merito est evectus, cui muneri
(si quis alius) par, per novem annos summa
cum laude præfuit.
Vir ad res gerendas natura formatus,
Studio et Industria perfectus,

Judex

Judex peritus, et incorruptus,
Æqui bonique Cultor integerrimus,
Cœlestem anhelans gloriam,
Deo efflavit animam
Die mensis Junii 11^o Anno Domini 1705^o
Ætatis suæ 63^o

On another near Bishop Thornborough's,

Mrs ALES JAMES MOTHER IN LAWE
TO GERV. BISHOP OF WOR. AND OF THE
AGE OF 76 YEARS ENDED THIS
LIFE THE 13 OF JANUARY 1598
BOTH THEN DYINGE AND NOWE LIVINGE
TO THE LORDE.

On a Brass Plate which was on the middle of this Stone and is
now torn off, were these Lines.

Hic jacet ascito tumulo matrona Britanna
Alma dedit pietas nomen alumna Dei
Hic extra patriam, patriam migravit ad illam
Quo licet electis qualibet ire via.

Above it on the North Wall was a Tablet fixed with these Lines.

Ille Babingtonus quondam dignissimus hujus
Cœnobii Preful cujus ubique bene
Gesta vident, ubi nunc super æthera Spiritus ejus,

calcata ignotum terra cadaver habet.
 Conjux an hæres palatia Bibliotheca an
 Suggestum in culpa quod tumulo caruit.

And near this another Inscription.

Magna comitante caterva folemniter in die
 Ascensionis Domini ad palatium Wigorn. primo
 advenit An. Dni. 1598 fedit annos 12 obiit in
 Domino in die Ascensionis Domini in dicto palatio
 An. Dni 1610.

Posuit Willelmus Swaddon Archidiaconus Wigorn.
 in die Ascensionis Domini 1622
 post obitum ipsius, annis 12.

On the right Side of this last Inscription, was a Demy Man
 blowing the Dowl of a Thistle and written *Oriens Morior*. On
 the left a Branch rising out of a dead Man's Skull. The Mottto,
Moriens Orior.

On the first Pillar below this is fixed a small Monument with
 this Inscription.

In Memory
 Of Mrs Elizabeth Powel Widdow
 Whose Body was interred
 Near this place November
 The 29. 1697.

On

On a beautiful Marble Monument fixed on the East Wall of the North Ile, is this Inscription.

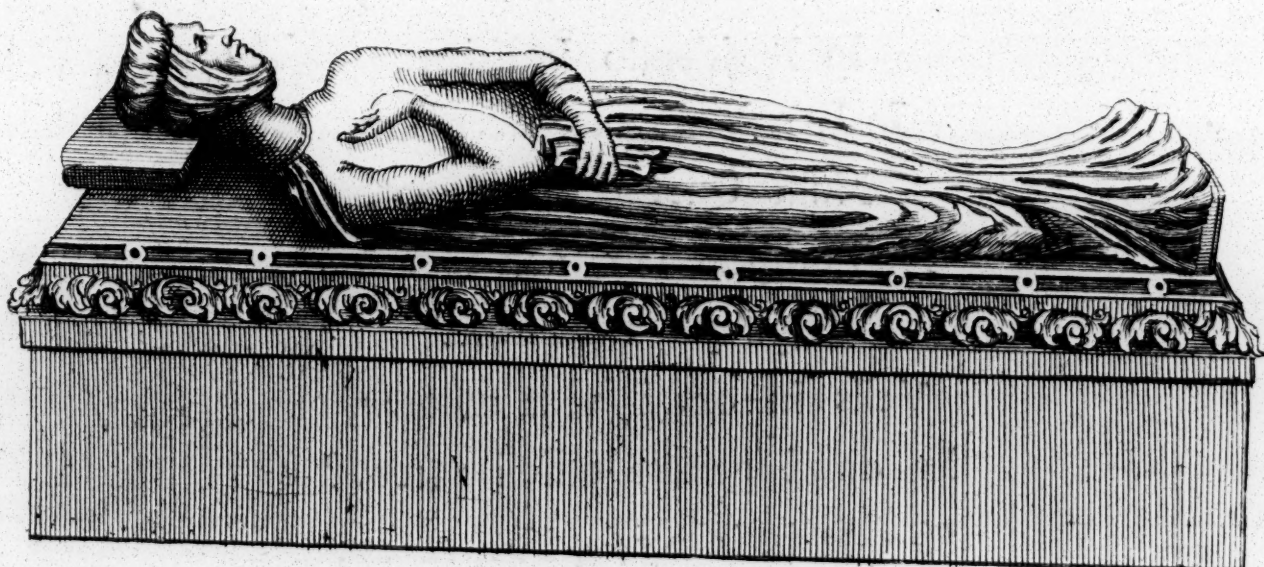
Piæ Memorix Sacrum
Honoratissimæ Dominæ,
MARTHÆ,
Comitissæ Dotariæ de Middleton,
Cujus
Ingenium subactum,
Judicium Limatum,
Consuetudinem Jucundissimam,
Humilitatem non Simulatam,
veracitatem sine fūco,
Pietatem omnibus numeris absolutam,
In condonando Facilitatem,
In Reddendo Justitiam,
In Largiendo munificentiam,
Nulli Quotquot noverint,
Non Suspexerunt, non Coluerunt.
Quid plura Lector ?
Velis in omni vitæ munere,
In omni genere officii parem ?
Si quæris in terris, Frustra es ;
Quæris ut voti compos fias, in cælis
Obiit eheu ! desideratissima Domina
IX. Cal. Febr. An. Salutis Humanæ MDCCV.
Ætat. suæ præter propter LXXI.

Next

Next to this is an Antient raised Monument with Marble Pillars and formerly gilded, but being destitute of Arms and Inscriptions and in a ruinous Condition, we cannot say for whom it was erected; tho' it is said by some to be the Tomb of *Lacy* Earl of *Lincoln*.

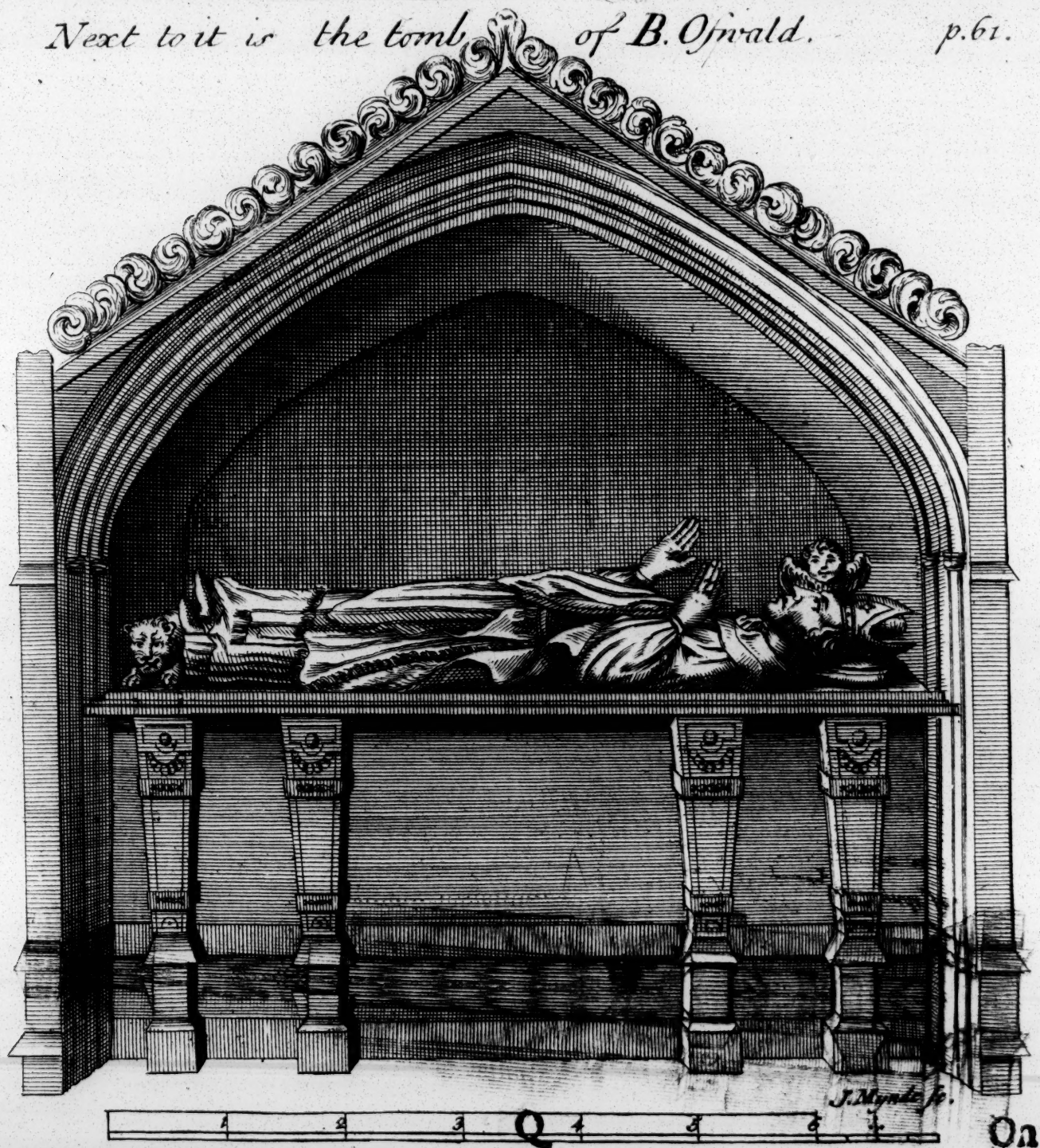
Below this on the Ground under the second Window, there is a Stone Coffin of an Honourable Lady, which was removed hither from the South Side of the Chappel of the Charnel House 13. Jan. 1636 thereon is her Portraiture, curiously wrought of cast Marble and of more than ordinary Sizce, her Head circled with a Coronet, and on her Chin a Wimplet, used antiently by great Personages only; on her Breast her right Hand being bare, and somewhat lower on her Body, her left Hand with her Glove on, and holding the Glove of the right Hand, which, according to the ritual of Marriage signified a Maiden to be married, but who she was is not known. *Ex Cartis Th. Abingdon.* And

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A Lady unknown*J. Mynde sc.*

And then descending I saw, says Mr. *Abington*, under an Arch on the outside of the Choir, the Anatomy of a dead Man wasted to Bones, his Robe a Shroud, and under his Head a Mitre. This was somewhat defaced, yet worser abused when it was turned from a Monument to a Mantle-Tree; but was worthily restored by Mr. *Nathaniel Tomkins*, who, doubtful where it first stood, placed it here. It is likely this Portraiture was over some Prelate, who being elected, died before he ascended the Chair of his Dignity, because the Mitre is under (not on) his Head. This is now gone.

Next to it is the tomb of B. Ojwald. p. 61.



On the Floor by it a Grave Stone with this Inscription,

Here lyeth the body of Mrs.
SUSANNA VERNON, youngest daughter
of Mr. JOHN VERNON late Rector
of HANBURY, in this County,
who lived and dyed

Greatly Beloved

For her sweet and Endearing Disposition,
For her Pleasant and Profitable Conversation,
For her exemplary Charity and Piety,

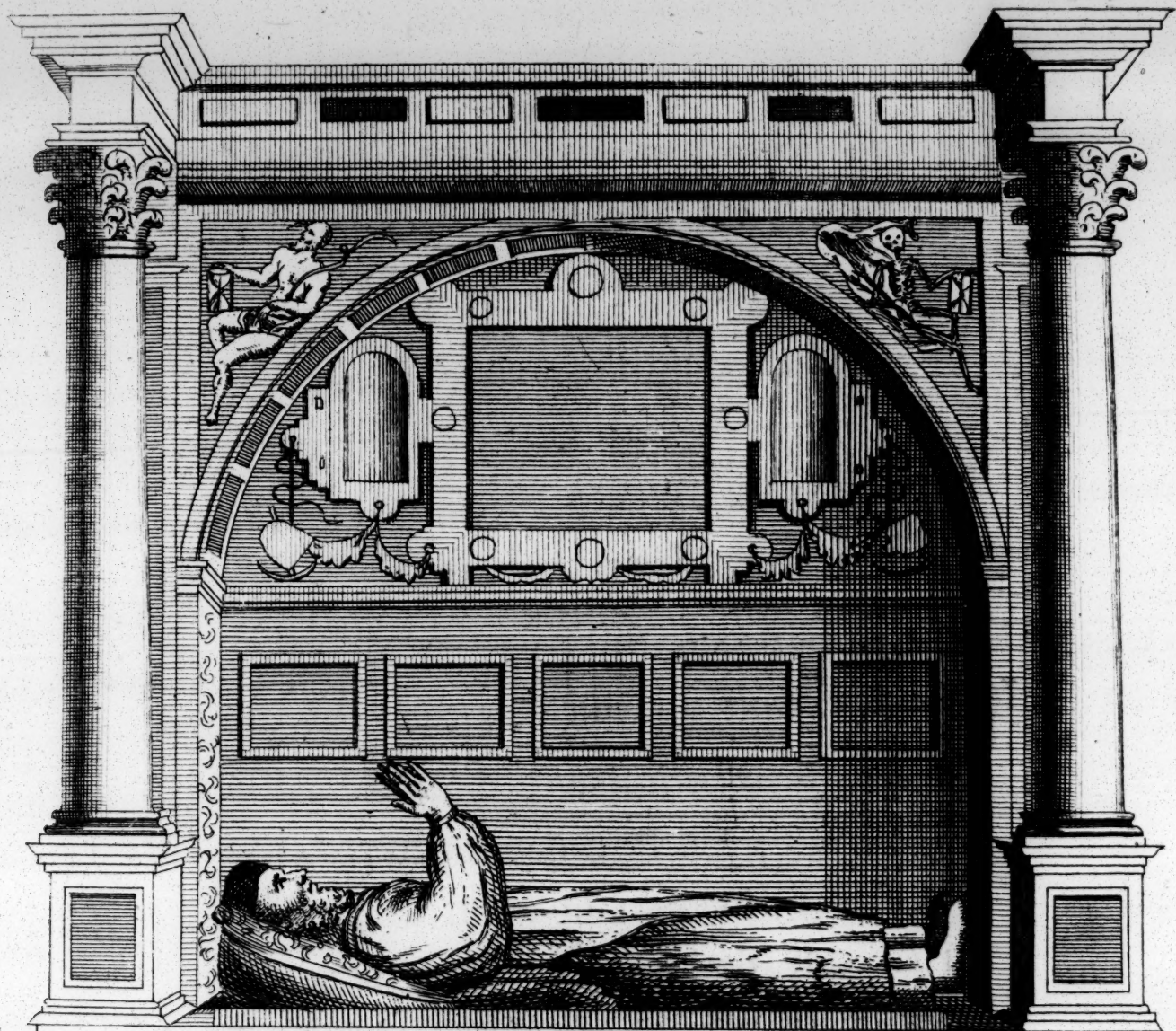
June 6. 1700.

She changed this Life for a better,

Aged 59.

In the North Cross Ile of this St. *Mary's* Chappel, is the following fair Monument of Bishop PARRY's. Over the Arch whereof between two Pillars and in the midst, are *Argent*, ten Torteauxes, impaling *Argent*, a Fesse between three Lozenges *Azure*, on the Fesse an Annulet, *Or*, for difference. On the right Pillar *Argent*, ten Torteauxes. On the left, *Or*, a Chevron between two Chevronells, *Gules*; on the midst a Mitre with Labels of the Field. The Devices on each Side are Expressions of Time and Death.

Near



HIC DORMIT

HENRICUS PARRIE SACRÆ THEOLOGICÆ DOCTOR

MULTIPLICI ERUDITIONE, TRIUM LINGUARUM COGNITIONE, ASSIDUA VERBI DIVINI PREDICATIONE
PROVIDA ECLESIE GUBERNATIONE, MENTIS PIETATE, MORUMQUE INTEGRITATE SPECTATISSIMUS, VIVUS
ELIZABETHÆ REGINÆ A SACRIS PIE INSERUIT, EIDEM REGINÆ ANIMAM EFFLANTI PRECIBUS
SUPREMIS ADFUIT: A JACOBO REGE DECANUS CESTRIENSIS MOX EPISCOPUS GLOCESTRIÆ DEIN
WIGORNIE RENUNTIATUR. MORTUUS A REGE REGUM IMMARCESSIBLEM GLORIÆ CORONAM EXPECTAT.

P^s 17. 15 SATIABO CUM EXPERGI SCAR SIMILITUDINE TUA.

P^s 36. 9 QUONIAM TECUM EST FONS VITÆ. IN LUMINE TUO VIDEBIMUS LUMEN
DOCTOR DECANUS BINAS MOX SCANDO CATHEDRAS ME MANET IN CÆLIS TERTIA; TERRA VALE
OBIIT 12 DEC. 1616.



J. Mynde Sculp.

Near this on a plain Stone is ingaved,

Here lyeth

JANE the Wife of HENRY MOULE
Highe School Master of this Colledge
Who dyed 7 Febr. 1629.

And by this another with this Incscription.

Heere lyethe

THOMAS THORNBRUGH Gent.
Hee dyed 17. Apr. 1622.

On another Stone is Chekee on a Bend three Lyons Heads erased,
Impaling *Ermine* a Lyon Rampant and written,

Heere Lyethe interred the body of
Mrs. Margaret Houedon the Wife of
Willyam Houedon of *Canterbury* Gent.
Her body dothe heere rest in hope of
The resurrection of lyfe everlastinge
Accordinge to her Faythe which shee
Lyved and dyed in, and was buried
22 Mart. The yeere of the Lorde
1616 and of her Age 92.

On a plain Stone.

THOMAS HARREYS M. A.
Dyed the 16. Feb. 1621.

And on the Wall a Man in his Gown praying before his Book
and Desk; and over him, Or, three Greyhounds Currant *Sable*, and
written, Here

Heere lyethe buried the body of
THOMAS HARREIS Mr. of Arts of
Brazen-Nose-Colledge in Oxford and
Prebend of St. Davids who changed this
Life for a better 16 Feb. 1621
When hee had attayned to the Age of 32 yeeres
Loe heere interred a hopeful younge man lyes
In flowre of streangthe of age by deathe surprysed
Yet mauger deathe his virtues cannot dye
The immortall issue of eternitye
Mourne not for hym teares are distilled in vayne.
Hee livethe a better lyfe deathe is to him a *gayne*
His foul in blisse beholds his makers eyes,
His body shall more gloriously aryse.

R. P.

On another plain Stone.

THOMAS filius MORGANI POWELL
Sacrae Theologiae Baccalarii
Cancellarii Ecclesiae Cathedralis Heref.
obiit 29. Junii 1624 Aetat. 14.

On a Tablet on the West Wall these following Verses.

Invida mors nulli parcis? nullæ parentum
detinuere preces gnatum tam vivere dignum?
Qui si forma, decus, pietas, prudentia, virtus
prodesset, tua tela diu vitasset. At esto

R

Qui

Qui sic terrenis ardens lucebat in oris
esse potest summo quid nisi stella polo.

R. P.

W.

Crossing over to the South Ile of this St. Mary's Chappel by Dean Eede's Tomb, are two Grave Stones over one Man's Wives, so laid as if himself determined to take his last Lodging between them; the first hath this Inscription,

Hic jacet corpus Fidei Hoare

Quæ obiit primo die Martii

Anno Domini 1597

Ætatis suæ 32

Refurgam.

On the other,

Catherina Uxor Humfredi Hoare

Obiit 15^o die Martii 1633

Refurgam.

On a Third

QUOD MORTALE FUT DIVINIORIS
ANIMÆ HABITACULUM IN DIE
RESURRECTIONIS STANTE SPE
SECURUS HIC SERVARI VOLUIT VIR
INTERGERIMUS HUMPHREDUS
HOARE QUI DUM POST
QUINQUAGINTA ANNOS ATQUE
... PLUS AMPLIUS HUIUS ECCLESIAE

PRÆ-

PRÆCENTOR EXTITERIT.
IN CHORUM TRIUMPHANTIS ECCLESIAE
CHORISTA AD ÆTERNA CANTICA
CELEBRANDA A JESU SUO ADMISSUS
ANNO ÆTATIS SUÆ 84
ANNOQUE SALUATORIS EJUS
1638.
MARMOR ISTUD MÆSTISSIMUS
FILIUS H. HOARE POSUIT.

another below this.

H. S. J.
EGIDIUS TRIMNELL Generosus,
Vir pius, probus Jurisque peritus,
una cum
FRANCISCA Conjuge priore,
Matrona lectissima.
Decessit hæc Maii 9. 1690.
Ille vero Maii 17. 1693.
Ætatis suæ 57.

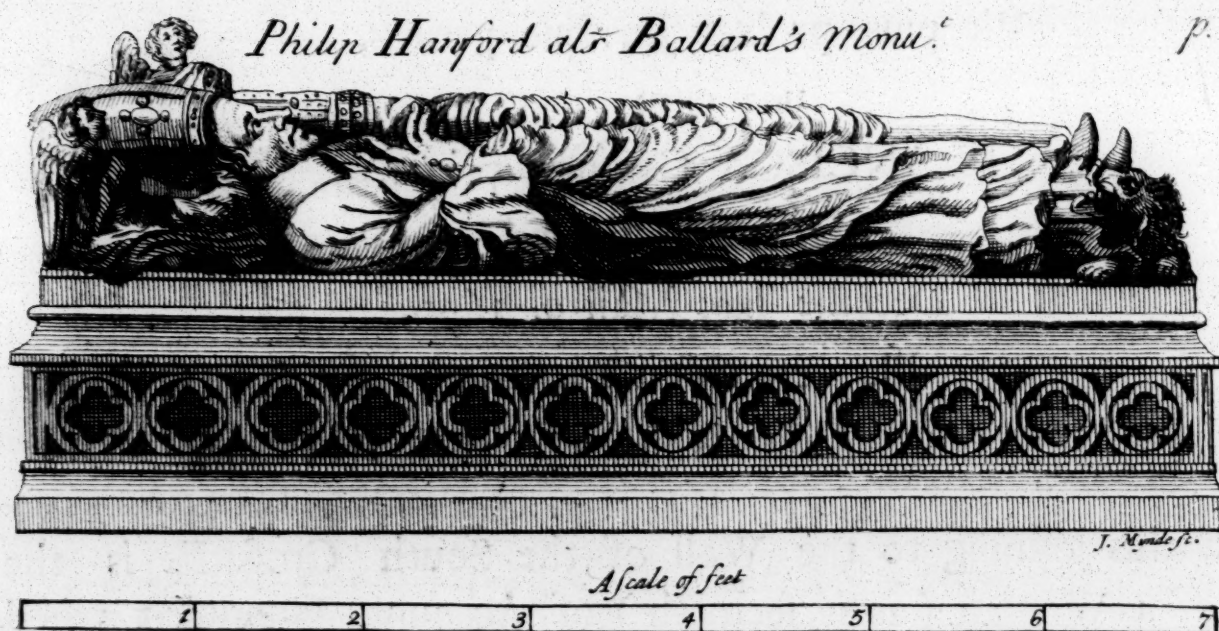
Below this joyning to the Wall of the South Cross Ile is the Tomb of a Woman (as it seemeth) of Account, somewhat raised from the Ground, the attire very Antient, but she is destitute of Arms or Inscription.

In the South Cross Ile commonly called the *Dean's* Chappel, is a raised Tomb close to the North Wall, whereon lyeth the Portraiture of an Abbot, vested for the Altar, his Head supported with Angels, and covered with a Mitre, at his Feet a Lyon, Gloves on his Hands fuitable to his Function, the right lifted up to give a Benediction.

tion, in the left a Staff, not with a Cross as a Metropolitan, nor yet a Crozier as a Bishop, and curiously wrought : This is said to be the Tomb of *Philip Hanford* alias *Ballard*, who became Abbot of *Evesham* in 1539 and within a few Months after yielded up that House to the King's Use, for which he had not only a present Allowance of 240 l. a Year, but was made the King's Chaplain, and as such presented by him to the Rectory of *Elmeley Lovet*, in the County of *Worcester* 5. Sept. 1543, (a) and afterwards instead of his Pension had the Deanery of *Worcester* bestowed on him, to which he was admitted *March* 1. 1553, and died 30. *July* 1557 (b).

(a) Bell f. 35. b.

(b) Lib. 2. Dec. et Cap. Wig. f. 30, 31.



On the East Wall next to *Ballard's* Tomb was an Inscription
over Dean *Pedor* as follows.

Johannes fuit Lucerna ardens & Lucens.

C. M, V.

Johanni, Pedoro Theologo doctissimo, Confessori fortissimo,
Pastori fidelissimo, Decano hujus ecclesiæ quinto,
Primo vero Orthodoxæ fidei preconii post
Instauratam a Regina Elizabetha Religionem,
Sacrum.

Exul vitavi Mariano tempore flammæ,
expertus flammis durius exillium.

Sed reduci Christo redii comes auspice Eliza
non æquæ patriæ latus evangelio.

Clamantisq; fui vox, nec labor irritus isti
qui metit ore meo quod fuit ante fatum.

Annonaq; sua Clerus qui pascitur hujus
Cænobii agnoscit qui fuerim œconomus.

Non venor famam sed succedentibus opto,
Pastores ut sint corporis atque animæ.

Arthurus Lake decanus ordine decimus hoc epicedium

L. M. Q. P. (a).

*Where Dean Pedor's Tomb was, is erected a Marble Monument
with this Inscription.*

M. S.

Franciscæ, Uxoris percharissimæ Richardi
Moystye, de Dolecorflwyne in Comitatu

Montgom. Armigeri, filliæ natu maximæ
 Tho. Brend, de Mosley-Hall, in Comitatu
 Surriæ Armigeri, Primogeniti Mathæi
 Brend Equitis aurati, quæ ad hanc urbem,
 una cum Coniuge suo ab Urbe
 venit principe, affines suos in Wallia
 cupida videndi, sed heu gravi subito
 correpta morbo, ad Cœlestem illico
 requiem sitiens, æternam remigravit
 patriam.

Septemb. 23. Anno | Ætatis 20.
 | Salutis 1678.

Over this Monument are the following Arms.

Parted per Bend sinister *Ermine* and *Ermines*, a Lyon Rampant
Or; Empaling *Or*, a Chevron between three Hands *Sable*.

Near this is a raised Tomb of Dean *Willis*, on the North side in
 the first Pane is *Argent*, Ten Torteauxes: In the second *Argent*
 a Chevron *Gules*, between three Willow Trees proper, on as many
 Banks *Vert*: (*His paternal Coat*). In the Third Pane, the Arms
 of St. *John's* Colledge in Oxford, of which he was President. On
 the South Side, the First and Second the same. The Third which
 is now gone, was the Holy Lamb carrying a Cross *Or*, and a Pen-
 dant *Gules*, and therein a Cross *Argent*: (a).

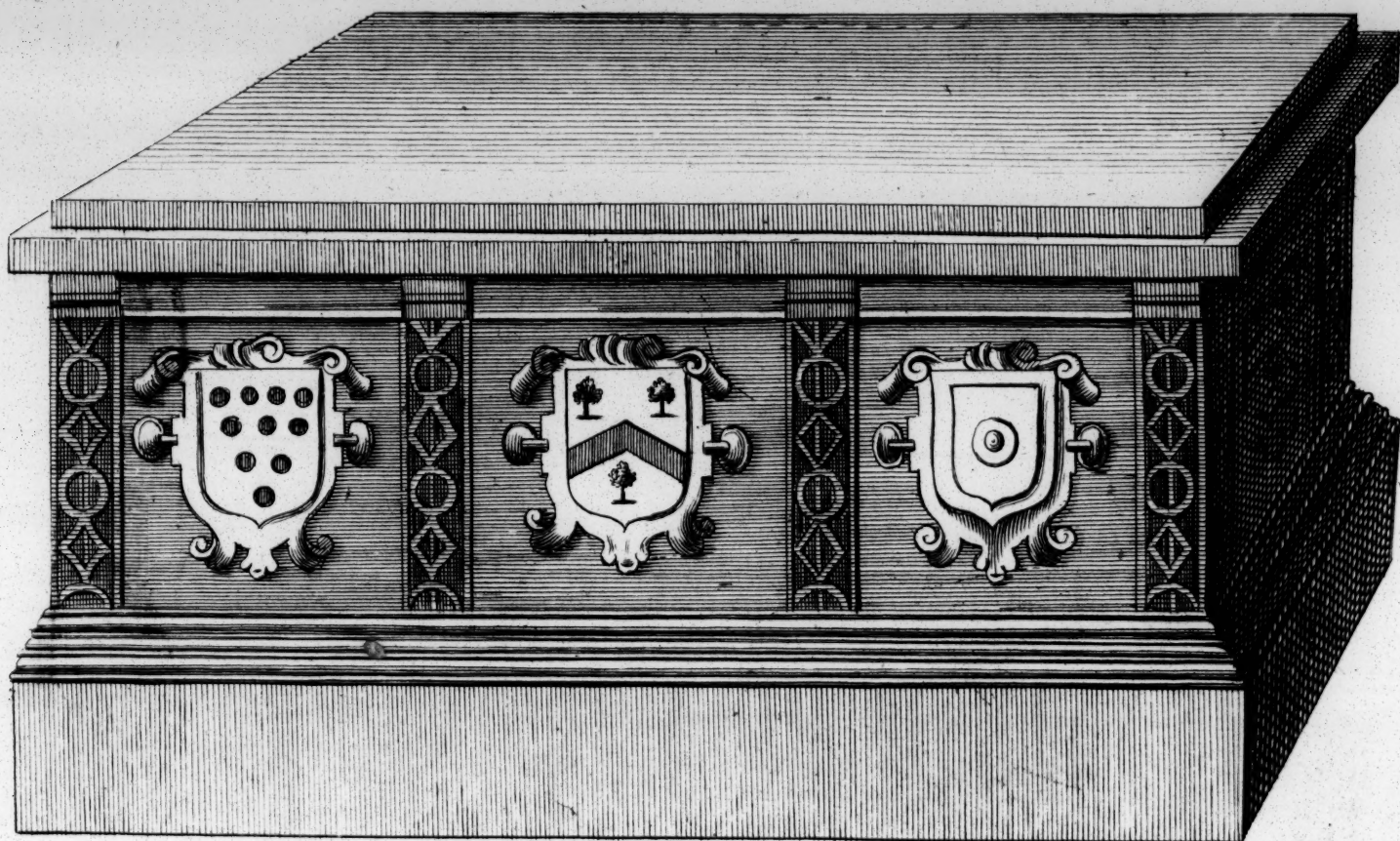
*Near to this is the raised Tomb of Dean Wilson, and over it
 this Inscription.*

Here lyeth buried Thomas Wilson, Doctor
 of Divinity, late Dean of this Cathedral
 who married Dorothy the daughter of Robert

(a) MS. Ab.

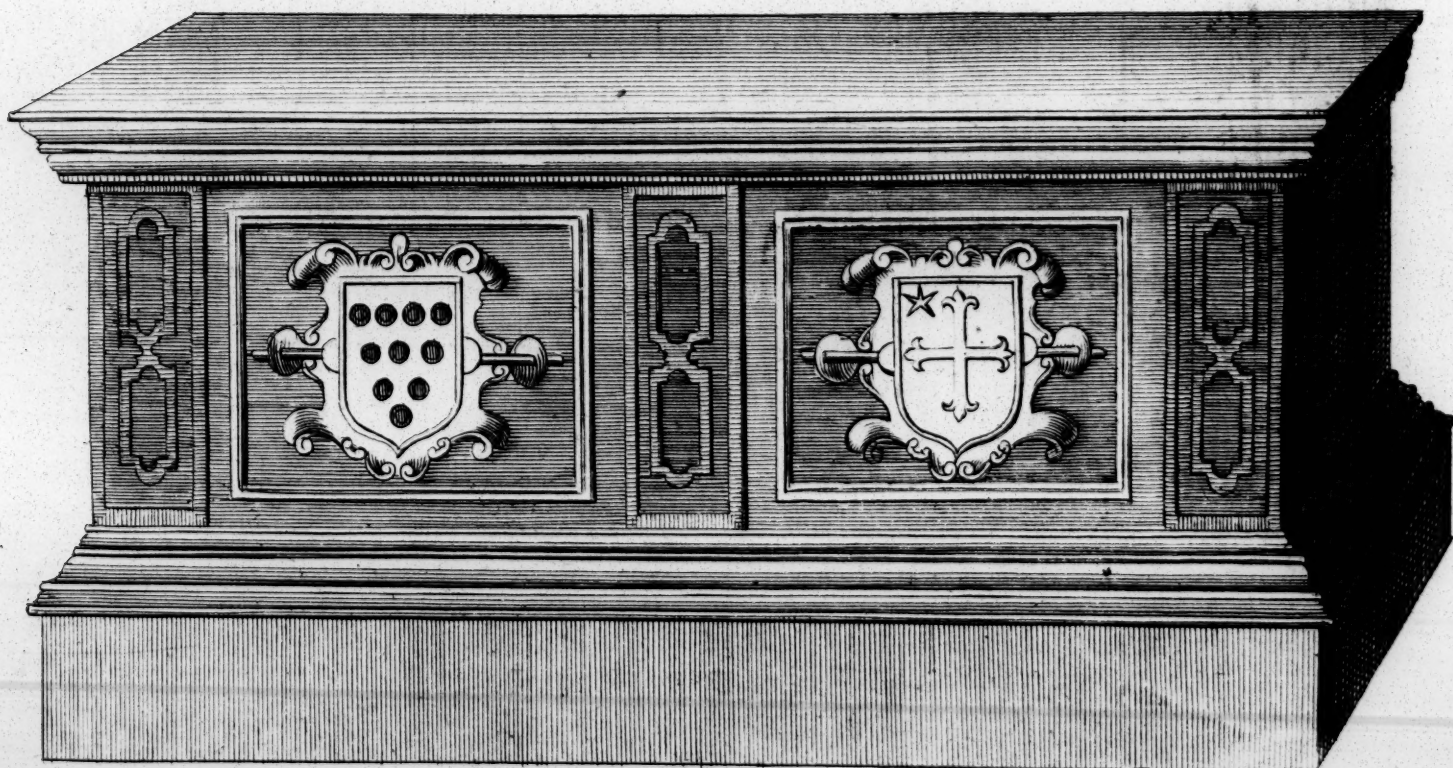
Dean Willis

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J. Mynde sculp.

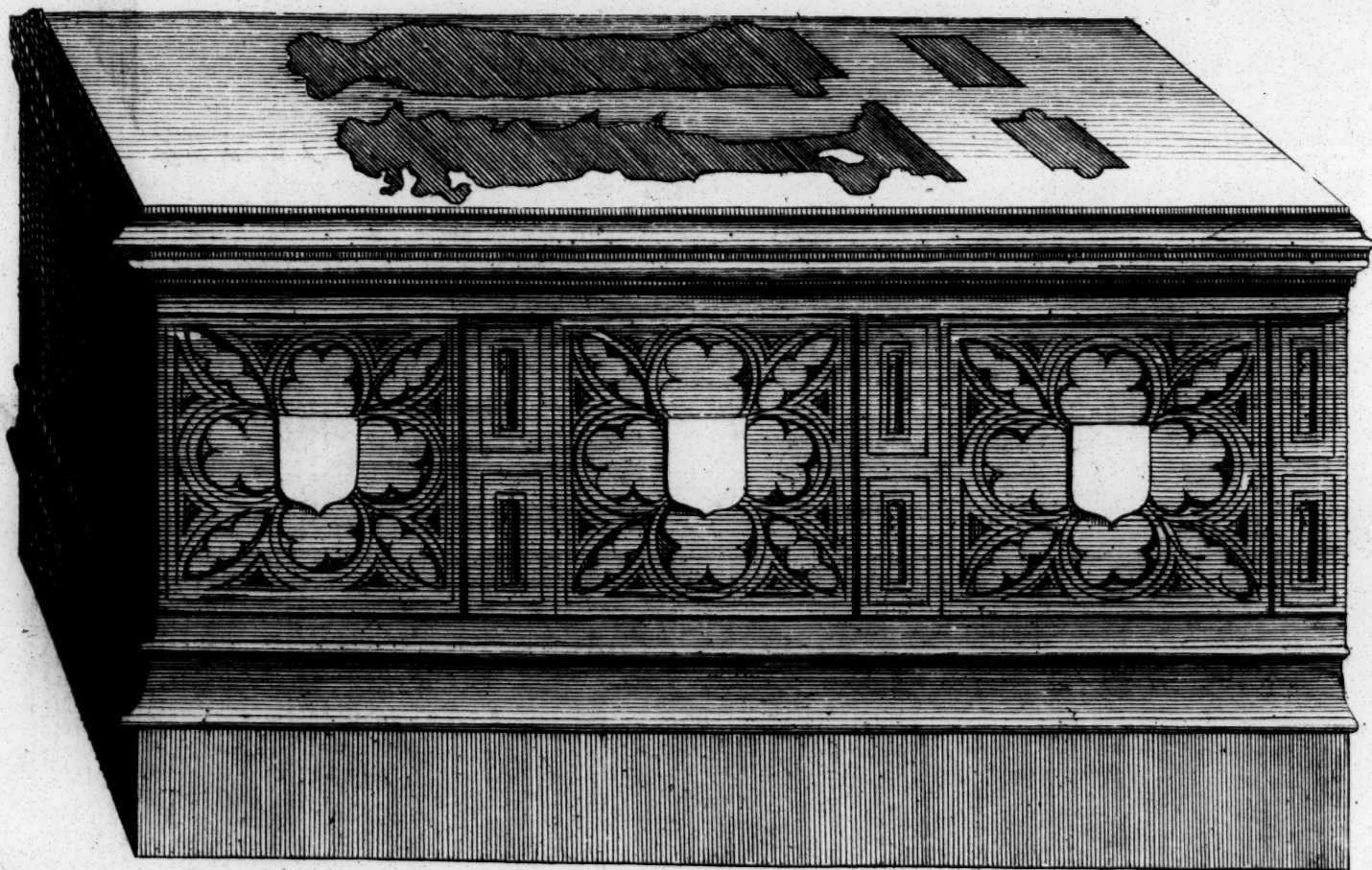
Dean Wilson



J. Mynde sculp.

S^r Griffith ap Rice.

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Bannister Esq; by whom he had five sons
and Fower Daughters. he departed this life
the 10th of July 1586. in the 28th of Queene
Elizabeth her gracious Raigne, when he had
been Dean of this Church full 15 years.

In the middle of this Place is a fair raised Monument of a
Knight highly renowned and esteemed, but being bereaved of much
of the Brass which was inlay'd in Marble, it leaveth me ignorant
of his Portraiture and Arms ; his Lady more fortunate, attired in
a Bonnet, keepeth yet her Mantle, whereon is *Argent*, a Bend and
Chief *Gules*. on the Chief, two Mulletts, *Or*, pierced of the Chief,
Quartering *Gules* a Fesse between six Martlets *Or*, on the Fesse
a Mullet difference: (*a*). About the Tomb is engraven in Brass this
Inscription.

Here in this Tomb lyeth buried the Body of the Noble
Knight, Syr Griffyth Rice Son to Syr Rice ap Thomas
Knyght, which Syr Griffyth decessed the xxix day of Septem-
ber in the xiiii. yere of Kyng Henry the viii. and also of
Lady Catherine his Wyfe, Daughter of Syr John Saint John
which decessed the day of Anno Dom. mccc . . .
ou whose Soules, and all Thristen Soules Jesu have Mercy.
Amen.

At Sir Griffyth Rice's Feet were their Sons and Daughters, as
appeareth by the Impressions in the Stone.

On the right Side of this lieth under a fair and antient Arch
in the South Wall the raised Tomb of a Knight of the Holy

Voyage, armed all (saving his Face) in Mayle, his right Hand on his Sword, partly drawn, on his left Arm his Shield, whereon is *Gules*, two Bars *Or*, (*Harcourt*) and thus girt in his Military Coat, with his Legs crossed, he treadeth on a Lyon. This Military Coat somewhat resembleth the Gowns which the *Romans* wearing, did gird, when they joyned Battle, whereof it is said they made then their Nuncupatory Testament *in Procinctu* : (a)

Under this, a little above the Ground, lieth the Portraiture of a Lady, with a most ancient Bonnet, and a Veil dependent ; on her Chin a Wimplet or Muffler, and on her Garments a Mantle which she holdeth up with her right Hand, her left is on her Breast, and at her Feet a little Dog : (b).

On a Marble Monument fixed to the West Wall, is the following Inscription.

M. S.

Catherinæ Talbot

Fœminæ non e Multis,

Quæ

Nullis corporis animive dotibus non ornata,

(Modeste Præteritis,

non Illibatis, aut Contemptis

studiis Liberalioribus)

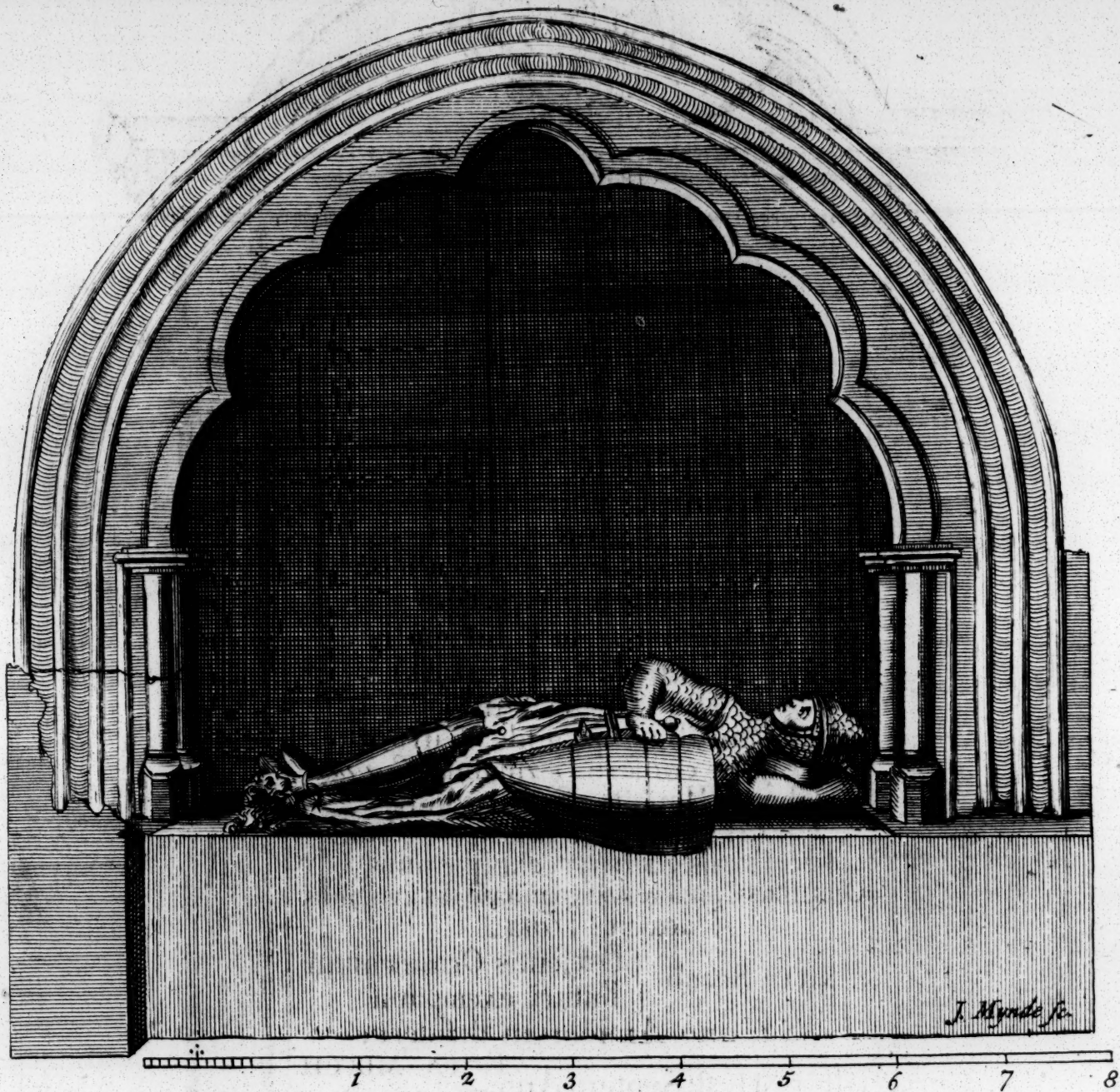
Deo Pie colendo,

Rei familiari provide Curandæ,

[a] MS. Ab.
[b] *Ib.*

S^r Simon Harcourt.

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M : S :
 Catherinæ Talbot
 Fœminæ non e Multis
 2 uce

Nullis Corporis animivæ dotibus non ornata
 (Modeste Præteritis

Non Illibatis aut Contemptis
 Studijs Literatioribus)

Deo Pie Colendo

*Rei Familiari provide Curandæ
 Conjugi consortio Amabili Beando
 Liberis Honeste Instituendis
 Fgenis pro facultate Sublevandis
 Necessarijs comiter excipiendis
 Omnibus Candore & Humanitate devinciendis
 Vacavit Tota.*

Vixit in Seculi { Præsentis Ornamentum
 Futuri exemplum

Summo Amicorum desiderio

Obijt XI Kal: Septem Ann: ^{Ætæ} X. MDCCII
 Ætat Suce XXXVII



Conjugi confortio Amabili beando,
Liberis Honestè Instituendis;
Egenis, pro facultate, Sublevandis
Necessariis, comiter excipiendis,
Omnibus candore et Humanitate devinciendis
Vacavit tota,

Vixit in sæculi | Præsentis ornamentum,
Futuri exemplum,

Obiit XI. Cal. Sept. Ann. | Æræ Christi. MDCCII.
Ætat. suæ XXXVII.

Over this Inscription are the following Arms.

*Gules, a Lyon Rampant and Border ingrail'd Or : Empaling Sa-
ble, a Lyon Rampant between three Crosses Croislets Fitché, Or.*

On a flat Stone beneath is this Inscription.

H. S. J.
Catherina Talbot,
Willielmi Episcopi Oxoniensis
Fidissima ac Delectissima
Conjux.

On other flat Stones on the Floor.

S. J.
Blanca,
Rdi. Gulielmi Thomas, S. T. P.
Decani Wigorniensis,

T

Con-

Conjux,
 Provida, Proba, Pia;
 Obiit Aug. 3.
 Anno | Ætatis 65.
 | Salutis 1677.

On a Second.

H. J.
 ELIZABETHA,
 dmodum Reverendi in Christo Patris
 GULIELMI THOMAS, S. T. P.
 Pridem hujus Ecclesiæ Decani,
 Simul Menevensis |
 Demum Wigorniensis | Episcopi.
 Dignissimi, Pientissimi
 Filia
 JONATHANIS ANDREWS Generosi,
 Mæstissimi, Amantissimi
 Conjux,
 Candida, Casta, Chara
 Obiit Octob. 5.
 Anno | Ætatis 33.
 | Salutis 1682.
 iuxta dormit Maria
 Filiola.

On a Third.

Parted per pale Three Lyons Rampant.

Here lyeth the Body of
WILLIAM THOMAS of *Hackney*, Gent.
youngest Son of the Right Reverend Father
in God WILLIAM late Lord Bishop of
Worcester,

He was born at *Laugherne* in *Caermarthenshire* 27. Oct. 1652,
and died at *Hackney* in *Middlesex* 21. July 1728,
and was buried here by his Mother and Sister
the Seventh of *August* following.

Requiescat in Pace.



The Monuments in the Body of the Cathedral Church of *Worcester*.

BEFORE the Roodelofte and Door of the Choir, on one Marble Stone, are the Impressions of the Portraitures of two Bishops (for it is dispoyled of the Brass) under which lie buried *Samtson* the x vth Bishop of *Worcester*, who died *Anno Dom.* 1112. The other under this Monument was *Theulphus* Bishop of this See, who died *Anno.* 1123.

There are many other Marble Monuments of Bishops, Priors, and Men, as it seemeth, once of Eminency ; but the Malice or
Avarice

Avarice of the Subverters of Antiquities, robbing them of their brazen Portraitures, leaveth us in Ignorance. (a).

On flat Stones on the Floor.

On the First, a Fesse Dancet in Chief a Lyon Passant between two Hawks and this Inscription.

Depositum

SEBRIGHTI SOMERS,
JOHANNIS et CATHERINÆ filia,

Quam in primo Juventæ flore

Morbus rapuit importunus

Moribus Illa, vultuque modesta,

Omnes callebat artes

Quæ Virginem decebant.

Quid plura,

Hic una jacent

Parentum Deliciæ, Decus, & Dolor,

Obiit 20. Octob. Anno

Dom. 1679.

Ætat. 78.

On Another.

Argent, on a Chevron *Sable* nine Besants, Crest a Cinquefoile *Or*, and this Inscription.

Sacrum Manibus

THOMÆ SEVERNE,

Quem nascentem vidit Vigorniensis Regio,

(a) MS. Ab.

Primis literarum Elementis
Westmonasterium imbuit,
Inter Alumnos et ornamenta sua
Ædes Christi recensuit,
Iamque Artibus, et Artium Insignibus decorum,
In lucem Literariam
Oxonium protulit.
Ingenium illi a natura
Varium, Solidumque,
Omnium disciplinarum capax,
Omnibus ex cultum,
Sed cum Indole et Eruditione
Notitia et usu Rerum,
Pronum illi ad Honores pateret Iter,
Privatus vivere et latere maluit.
Sic demum in patria interque suos,
Erudito consenuit Otio.
Prudens qui Turbis studia,
Et usum vitæ, pompæ prætulit.
Tandem cælebs et pæne Octogenarius
Lubens fato cessit
Sexto die Octobris
A. D. 1698.

On a Third the Arms of Severn, and this Inscription.

ELIZABETHA SEVERN, filia

U

Johan-

Johannis et Mariæ natu
Maxima, obiit 30. Augusti
Anno Dom. 1675.

Beatæ quæ sunt mundo corde
quoniam ipsæ Deum videbunt.

On a Fourth Severn's Arms and this Inscription.

Nuptæ Christo felices,

Alterum hic Præstolatur Adventum Christi
MARIA filia Johannis et Mariæ Severn,
Uxor Johannis Walfh Generosi, Hereford.
Obiit Januarii 31. Anno M,DCLXIX.

*On a Fifth, a Chevron between Three Cinquefoiles ; Empaling
a Cross Fleuretee.*

Here lyeth the Body of Elizabeth
Wife of William Chambers of this
City Gent. Daughter of Henry Evett
of Woodhall, Esq; who died
May 7. 1685.

Also

Also William Chambers Gent.
who died November 23. 1616,
Aged 32 Years.

In the great Cross Ile and North Transept
close to the East Wall stood the Altar of St.
Crucis, or *Holy-Cross*.

ON the Floor below are three large Gravestones spoiled of their
Brasses and Inscriptions : The largest which is the middle-
most, is supposed by some to be the Gravestone of Bishop *Lenne*,
or *Lynne* who died Nov. 18. 1373, but upon what Grounds I
know not. That next to him towards the North Wall,
I believe is the Stone laid over *William de Molendinis* ; there
were four Coats of Arms on it, one at each Corner,
and under his Figure seems to be left on the Stone where the
Brass was torn off some of the Letters of his Name. The *Wor-*
cester Annals tell us, that *William de Molendinis* died 3. Kal. of
Nov. 1296, before he had finished the Eastern part of St. *Oswald's*
Church which he had raised from the Ground, and was buried be-
fore the Altar of Holy-Cross, to which he had given Vessels ne-
cessary for the Use of the Altar, and an Annual Rent of twelve
Shillings for Lights. (a).

That on the South Side I take to be the Stone laid
over *Robert Fange* Archdeacon of *Gloucester*, who died 2. Non.

(a) MCCXCVI. *Willelmus de Molendinis* 111. Kal. Nov. morte preventus partem orienta-
lem Ecclesie Sti. *Oswaldi* quam de terra levaverat non perfecit, ad altare S. *Crucis* ubi nunc
jacet vasa sufficientia providebat et annum redditum XII solidorum ad luminaria sustinenda.
An. Wig. sub. Anno Ang. Sac. V. 1. p. 519.

March 1287, and was buried 16. Kal. of April before the Altar of Holy-Cross. (a).

On other flat Stones in the North Corner. On a chevron between three Guns, three Roses.

M. S.

GULIELMI HOPKINS. S. T. P.

Hujus Ecclesiæ Wigorniensis

Per XXIV. Annos Præbendarii

Qui obiit

XVIII. die Maii

Anno		Salutis 1700.
		Ætatis suæ 53.

Adjoyning to it on the Right Hand. Hopkins Impaling an Eagle displayed, and this Inscription.

Reliquiæ mortales AVERILLÆ

uxoris

Amantissimæ, juxta atque Dilectissimæ

Gulielmi Hopkins, Ecclesiæ hujus Canonici,

Hic loci conditæ ;

Resurrectionis gloriam immortalem expectans

Obiit 10. die Octobris

Anno a Christi Nativitate 1691.

A suæ, 40.

(a) MCCLXXXVII. II. Non. Martii M. Robertus de Fange Archidiaconus Gloucestric obiit apud Voxhole, et XVI Cal. April sepultus fuit Wigornie ante altare S Crucis in Ecclesiæ Cathedrali.
Ann. Wig. sub. anno. Ang. Sac. V. I. p. 509.

On the next.

Hic jacet EDVARDUS WALKER

Legum Baccalaure^us; et per

aliquot annos totius

Archidiaconatus Richmondia

in Diocesi Cestrensi

Commissarius

Obiit 30. die Martii Anno

Dom. 1679.

Ætatis 52.

On a small Piece of White Stone close to the Wall.

4. AUG. 1623.

WILLIAM SWADDON

ARCHDECON OF WORC.

DECESSED.

*On a Monument above fixed to the Wall, was this Inscription
now gone.*

Hic dormit sub spe Resurrectionis

Guilielmus Swaddon S. Theologiae Doctor

et Archidiaconus Wigorn. obiit in Domino 4. Aug. 1623.

Elizabetha uxor obiit 14 Januarii 1625.

Quæ aliquamdiu ante mortem annuam
elemosinam 20 pauperibus dono dederat

et ratam fecerat in perpetuum, idque ex

Consilio et pio voto mariti cum adhuc simul

in vivis essent. (a)

(a) MS. Ab.

The Floor before the Altar seems to have been formerly paved with painted Quarries of Brick, and some of them with Coats of Arms as in *Malvern Church* ; one still remains on the First Step, bearing quarterly : First and Fourth, a Fesse between Six Seamews Heads erased. Second and Third a Mancl. The Coats of *Spencer* of *Hodnell* and *Hastings*.

Close to the Steps on a small Piece of White Stone.

ALSE HIGH

OCTOBER 24.

1572.

On another.

Maria uxor Thomæ Herle.

More on flat Stones.

On the First, a Lyon Rampant and this Inscription,

Hic jacet corpus Samuelis

Davies Clerici. Qui obiit

15^{to} die Decembris

1676.

On the Second, Three Battering Rams, and this Inscription.

Here lies Mr. Peter

Halfey Presb. who

being

Too good for earth, God hath advanced him higher,

And raised from this to his Imperial Quire,

For

For Angells Stalls were only fit to be
Graced with such Musick, and such Pietie,
Where while Flesh rests, his Soul now stands alone
To reunite two loftier Parts in one.

In the South-Part of the great Cross Ile or Transept close to the East-Wall stood the Altar of St. *Simon* and *Jude* : in the middle of the Floor is an Antient mitred Stone of some Bishop or Prior, robbed of its Brass, his Name unknown ; and next to him is another large Marble Grave Stone, spoiled also of its Brass, which I take to lie over the Grave of *Robert Mortimer* and *Joice* his Wife. The First buried by Bishop *Giffard* here before the Altar of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, the Sixth of the Ides of *April* 1287, (a) and his Wife the third of the Ides of *March* 1289. (b).

On other flat Stones are these Inscriptions.

1597.

ELIZABETH PARTON, WIFE
OF JOHN PARTON OF THE
CITY OF WORCESTER, AND
DAUGHTER OF THOMAS BOT-
TREL OF BOTRELS ASTON,
IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP
ESQUIR, DECESED THE 29 OF
NOVEMBER, ANNO ÆTATIS 76.

(a) Annales wig. MCCCXXXVII. VI. Idus Aprilis Episcopus Godfridus sepelivit Robertum de Mortuomari coram altare S. S. Simonis et Judæ in Ecclesia Wigorniae Cathedrali

Ang. Sac. V. 1. p. 503.

(b) iii Idus Martii Jocosa uxor Roberti de Mortuomari juxta eundem ad altare SS. Simonis et Judæ traditur sepulture.

ibid. p. 510.

H. S. J.

H. S. J.

Mr. Geo. Yardley Sacelli Regii

Generosus, et hujus Eccl.

Can. Min. obiit 15^{to} Octob.

Anno	Salutis 1691
	Ætatis 70.

Amicis charus, Liberis charior, Conjugi
charissimus.

On the same Stone.

Christina etiam Matrona pia proba pudica
bonis et operibus condita, et Uxor ejus
dilectissima, hic sepelitur ; non tantum
nomine (ut vere loquar) sed revera

præstantissima Christina

Obiit 12 die Martis

Anno	Salutis 1709-10.
	Ætatis 83.

On another near Mr. Yardley's.

In Memoriam charissimi Fratris, Guilielmi Russell

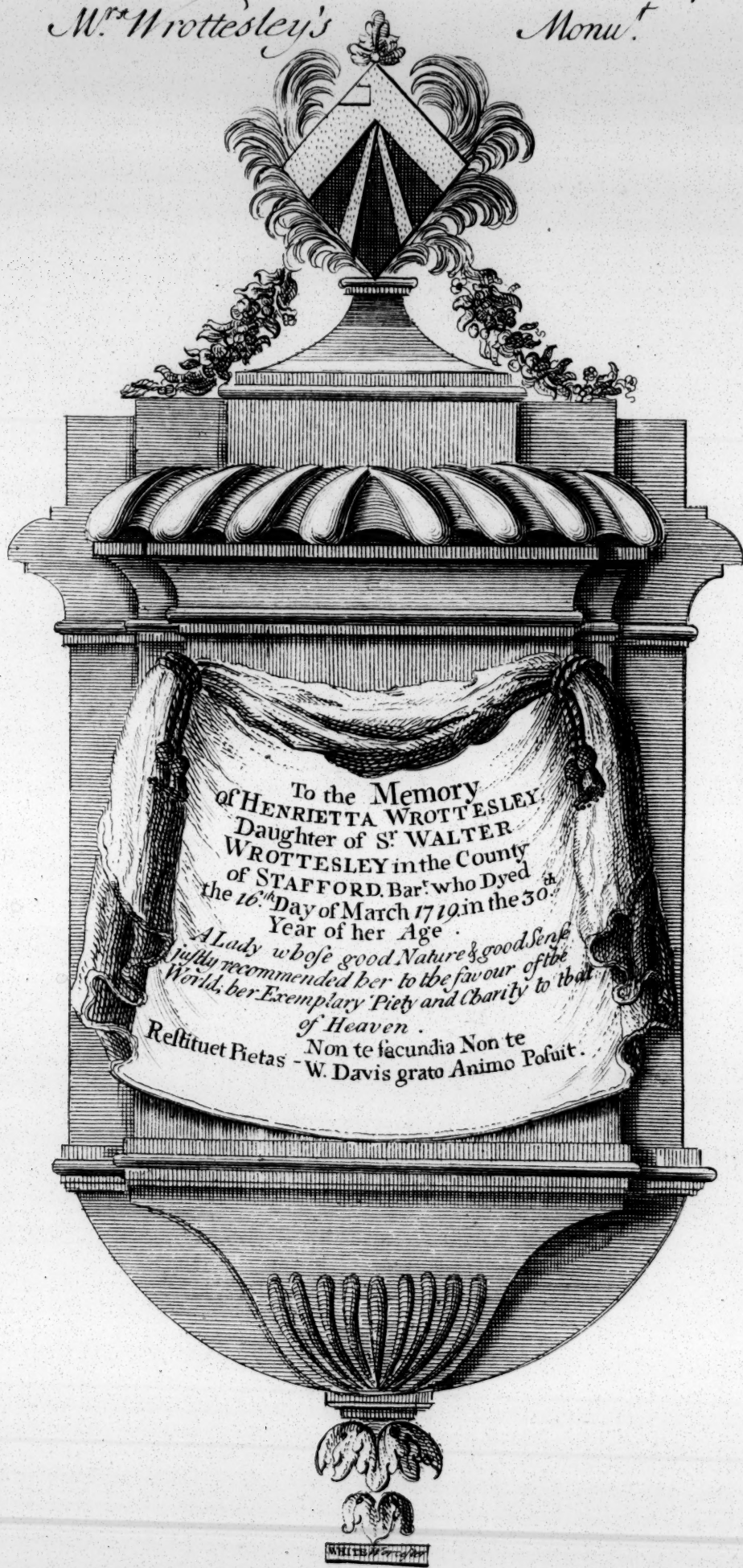
Arm. filii et hæredis apparent. Guil. Russell de

Strensham in Com' Wigorniae Baronet. hic fæliciter
dormientis. Hoc superposuit Frater ejus, ab eo

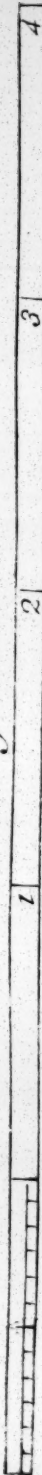
plurimum amatus, Geo. Russell

XV. die Mensis Septemb. anno Dom.

MDCLXXII.



A Scale of Feet





In this Cross Ile close to the South Wall.

HERE LYETH MARTYN SANDYS SON OF MARTYN SANDYS ESQUIER : HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 6. DAY OF APRILL, 1640.

Adjoyning to this.

HERE LYETH SANDYS THE DAUGHTER OF MARTYN SANDYS ESQUIER WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 26. OF FEBRUARY 1645.

On another close to the West Wall.

MR. JOHANNIS TOIUS.
IN ARTIBUS MAGISTER, ET
SCHOLÆ PRIMUM LIBERÆ, IN
HAC CIVITATE (UBI ET NATUS
ERAT) DEINDE ETIAM REGIÆ, PER
VIGINTI ANNOS MODERATOR
CELEBRIS.

Vir ingenii perpoliti, industriæ
indefessæ, eruditionis singularis,
eximiæ morum suavitatis, vitæ
integer, pubis instituendæ scient-
issimus, Pietate, Fide, Modestia
gravitate, nullaque non virtute
spectabilis, cælestium præmat-
ure nimis auxit Chorum 28^o.
Decembris, anno Domini 1663.
Ætatis suæ 54

On another.

WILLIAM BLISZARD GENT
 DIED JANUARY 7. 1619.
 ISABEL HIS WIFE DIED
 MARCH THE 13. 1634.

Near to this.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF FRAN.
 BLIZARD WHO DEPARTED MARCH 1.
 1644.

Adjoyning to the Steps is this.

ROGERUS STANFORD.

On a Marble Monument fixed to the great North Pillar that supports the Tower are the following Arms and Inscription.

Azure a Chevron between three Annulets Or; Empaling *Azure*
 a Fesse Erminois in chief three Crescents Or.

SUBTUS JACET QUOD MORTALE FUIT JOHANNIS
 DOBBINS, VIRI INTEGERRIMI, PRAGMATICI, ABSQUE
 FRAUDE SIVE DOLO MALO, EXQUISITE SEDULI,
 SED IN TERMINANDIS LITIBUS PERITISSIMI JUDI-
 CIALIBUS, PER VIGINTI ANNOS, ATQUE EO PLUS
 AMPLIUS SUMMA DEXTERITATE, PROBITATE MA-
 JORI

JORI INCUBUIT. CAUSAS, QUIBUS INTERFUIT, SIC EGIT OMNES, QUASI SIBI FORENT CASUS CONSCI-
ENTIÆ. TALEM SE SEMPER GESSIT, QUALES ALII
FORE VIDERENTUR (INTACTÆ FAMÆ, VITÆ IN-
CORRUPTÆ, CONSCIEN TIÆ IMMACULATÆ,) SUIS,
ALIENIS, AMICIS, INIMICIS DESIDERATISSIMUS. A
LITIBUS AD PACEM, (A SUBSELLIIS AD ÆTERNA
DOMICILLIA) CHRISTO SUO AVOCATUS, FORUM
PRO COELO MUTAVIT NONO DIE MARTII ANNO
ÆTATIS SUÆ QUADRAGESIMO QUARTO, ANNOQUE
RENOVATI HOMINIS MILLESIMO SEXCENTESIMO
TRICESIMO QUINTO. MONUMENTUM HOC IN
MEMORIAM CONJUGIS SUI AMANTISSIMI DORO-
THEA RELICTA EJUSDEM JOHANNIS MÆRENS
POSUIT.

*On the West-side of the same Pillar are the following Arms and
Inscription.*

Azure, a Fesse Erminois, in chief three Crescents.

Mane Hospes et lege,

Magr. HENRICUS BRIGHT,

Celeberrimus Gymnasiarcha,

Qui Scholæ Regiæ, istic fundatæ, per totos 40. annos

Summa cum laude præfuit.

... Quo non alter magis sedulus fuit, scitufve ac dexter

in Latinis, Græcis, Hebraicis Literis

fæliciter edocendis,

Teste

Teste utraque Academia, quam instruxit affatim
 Numerosa pube Literania,
 Sed et totidem annis eoque amplius Theologiam professus
 Et hujus Ecclesiæ per septennium Cannonicus Major,
 Sæpissime hic, et alibi, sacrum Dei Præconem
 Magno cum zelo ac fructu egit.
 Vir pius, doctus, integer, frugi, de Republica
 deque Ecclesia optime meritus
 A laboribus perdiu pernoctuque ab anno 1562
 ad 1626. strennue usque exantlatis,
 4^o Martii suaviter requievit
 in Domino.

*On the East-side of the great South Pillar, is fixed a Monument
with this Inscription.*

PARENTIBUS OPTIMIS

EDWARDO ARCHBOLD

GENEROSO J. V. LICENCIATO, PRÆBENDARIO ECCLESIAE
 CATHED. LINCOLN. VIRO EXQUISITE DOCTO, JURIS CIVILIS
 PLANE ORACULO, RESPONSA EX JURE NON ALENDS LITIBUS
 SED TERMINANDIS DARE SOLITO, CLERI IN REBUS ECCLESIAE
 ADVOCATO FIDELI, PAUPERUM PUBLICÆ PATRONO, DOMI
 ETIAM QUOTIDIANO NUTRITIO, PRISCÆ FIDEI, INTEGRITATIS
 ILLIBATÆ, PIETATIS EX VERBI DIVINI NORMA IURÆ
 ET NON SIMULATÆ, QUID MULTA;

NON ISTIUS SEculi VIRO,

QUI CUM DIE DOMINICA 15. MARTII 1617. ANNO ÆTATIS 71.

SUA-

SUA VISSIME IN CHRISTO OBDORMIRET
DE MORTE SUA SIC IPSE VERBIS SUI PRONUNTIAVIT.

NOW DEATH HATH DONE HIS WORST, AT REST MY BODY LIES.
TO ME THE VERY BEST, UNTIL THE LATER DAIE.
MY LABOURS NOW DO CEASE, MY SOUL IT NEVER DIES,
AND I LYE HERE AT REST, BUT LIVES WITH CHRIST FOR AIE.
L. A.

ET ELIZABETHÆ

CONJUGI UNICÆ, MATRONÆ PIÆ, PROBÆ,
PAUPERIBUS, SUPRA FACULTATES, BENIGNÆ.
QUÆ PROLE BIS SEPTENA IN LUCEM EDITA,
CASTISSIMEQUE EDUCATA, PLACIDE IN CHRISTO
DECESSIT DIE DOMINICA 25. NOVEMBRIS
1610.

ITEM FRATRIBUS, SORORIBUSQUE CHARISSIMIS
CAROLO, SUSANNÆ, TIMOTHEO, GULIELMO, ELIZABETHÆ,
JOSEPHO, FRANCISCO, CHRISTOPHERO, BENJAMINIS GEMELLIS;
SINGULIS AUT INFANTIA, AUT IN PIA CHRISTI INVOCATIONE
ANIMAM DEO REDDENTIBUS, ET NUNC CUM UTROQUE PARENTE
IN COELO BEATIS

RELIQUI LIBERI SUPERSTITES
EDWARDUS, JOHANNES, THOMAS, MARIA RICHARDUS
HEU FLENTES FECERUNT

On the Tomb are these Arms. On the right side at top, an
Eagle displayed, in chief a Rose between two Cross Crosets. On

the left, three Birds, Wings overt. On the right side at the bottom, Semee Fleurs de Lis, a Lyon Rampant. On the left, a chevron *Ermine*, between three Garbs.

On the West-side on a Brass Plate is the following Inscription.

MEMORIA JUSTI BENEDICTA

JOHANNI ARCHBOLD SACRÆ THEOLOGIÆ
PROFESSORI SERENISS^o REGI JACOBO A
SACRIS ECCLESIAE HUIUS CANONICO MA-
JORI THESAURARIO SED ET THESAURO
LONGE MAXIMO URBIS ISTIUS OCELLI
VIRO OPTIMO INTEGERRIMO PISSIMO CON-
SULTISSIMO THEOLOGO CULTISSIMO,
AMICO FIDELISSIMO SUAVISSIMOQUE

J. H. LOCI DECANUS
MOERENS MERITISIMO
POSUI

OBIIT. DECEMEB. 16 1623.

ÆTAT. SUÆ 45.

VALE LECTOR ET SPIRA ÆTERNITATEM.

Luceo et absumar.

Between these Words is engraved a Candlestick with a
burning Light.

*Near to this on a small Monument is a Skeleton, leaning its
Head on its Hand, and This Inscription.*

HERE LIETH THE BODY OF MR. JOHN
HOWTON, WHO WAS BORN AND BRED IN

THIS

THIS CITIE OF WORCESTER, AND DYED
THE 12. DEYE OF AUGUST 1608. BEING
HIGH CHAMBERLAINE OF THIS CITIE AND
A GREAT BENEFACTOR TO THE SAME
CITIE.

THIS MONUMENT WAS MADE AT THE
COST OF THOMAS HOWTON, SONN OF
THE ABOVENAMED JOHN HOWTON,
AND THE EXECUTORS OF THE SAID
THOMAS, AN. 1610.

WHILST LIVING IN THE CITIE AND THE POOR
ALLOW HIM MONUMENTAL MEMORIE,
THE CITIE HAD HIS LOVE, THEY NEEDE NO MORE,
THE POORE WILL EVER FEEL HIS CHARITIE.
TO ALL THEM WHOM HE LOVED, OR NOURISHED,
LET HIS REMEMBRANCE LIVE, THO' HE BE DEAD,
W. G.

On flat Stones.

William Lucas Gent. Sheirief of this City
deceased May 1^o 1640, Aged 54.

HERE LIETH THE BODY OF DOROTHY WIFE OF
EDWARD SMITH GENT. DAUGHTER TO ROBERT
CROSBY OF THIS CITY GENT. WHO DECEASED
THE 30 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1641, AGED. 32.

HEARE LIETH EDWARD HICKFORD GENTELMAN
HE DIED 28. OF MARCH 1607.

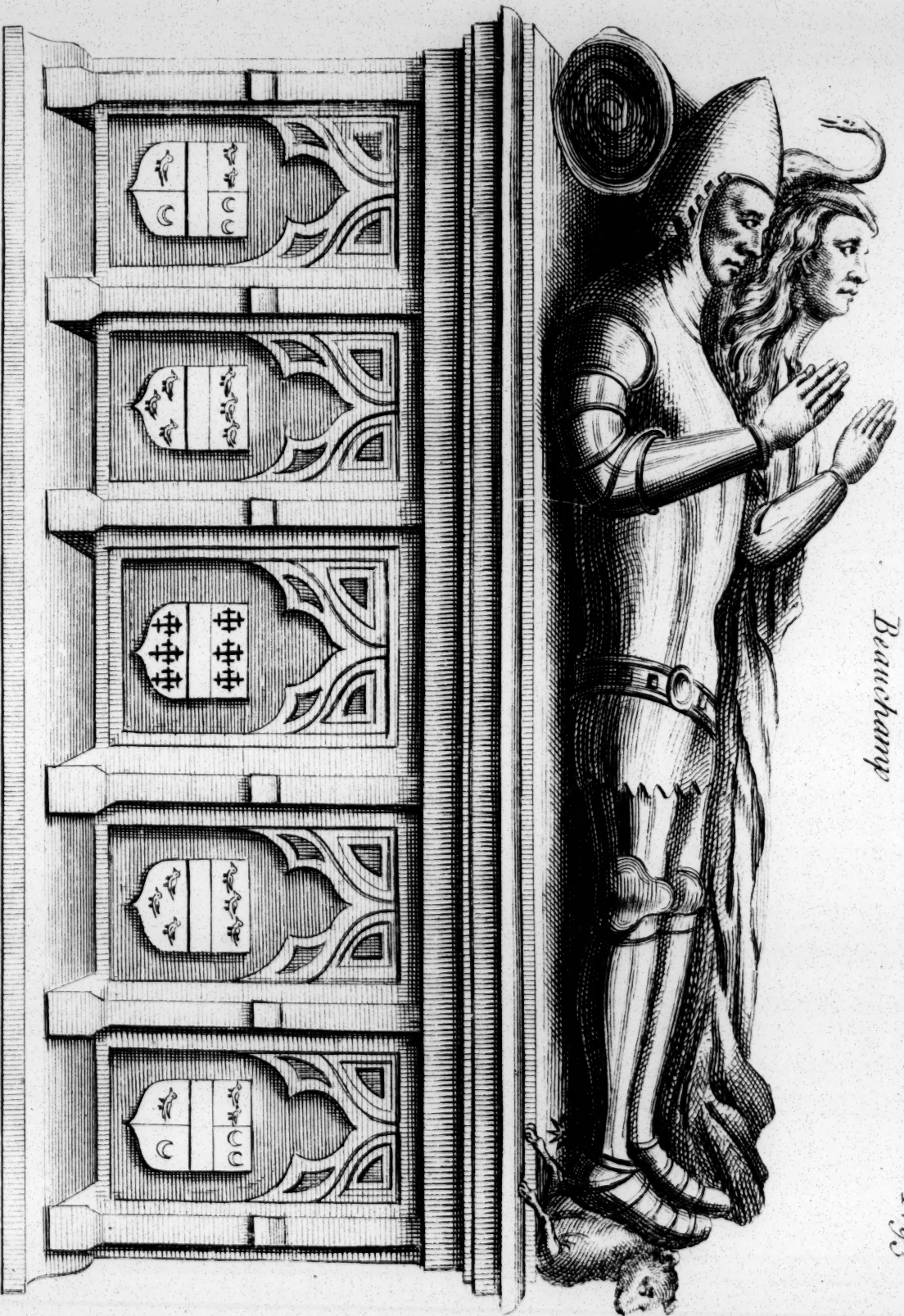
Below

Below the Steps, between the fifth and sixth Pillar, on the North side, is excellently well wrought in Alabaſter, on a raiſed Monument, the Portraiture of a Man all armed ſaving his Face and Hands, praying. and under his Head lying on an Helmet, a Swan's Head and Neck between two Wings erected, iſſuing out of a Crown. Beſide him lieth his Lady, under her Head, ſupported with Angels, a Swan; on either ſide, are five Panes, with Eſchocheons of Arms. In the miſt, *Gules*, a Feſſe between ſix Croſſes Croſlets *Or*. In the Dexter and Sinifter, *Gules*, a Feſſe between ſix Martlets, *Or*. In the firſt and fifth, *Gules*, a Feſſe between ſix Martlets, *Or*; impaling *Argent* a Feſſe *Sable* between three Creſcents *Gules*. At the Head and Feet, *Gules*, a Feſſe between ſix Croſſes Croſlets *Or*. And on the dexter and ſiniſter, *Gules*, a Feſſe between ſix Martlets *Or*, impaling, *Argent*, a Feſſe *Sable* between three Creſcents *Gules*. Theſe Arms are the Arms of *Beauchamps* Earls of *Warwick* and *Beauchamps* Barons of *Powryke*, ſaving the Arms of *Pateſhall*, being *Argent* a Feſſe *fable* between three Creſcents *Gules*, which *Pateſhall* was Wife of *Beauchamp* of *Powryke*. All which Arms being newly Painted, deceive all underſtanding Beholders, perſuading that this was *Beauchamp* Baron of *Powryke* whereas his Creſt under his Head, being as antient as the Monument, and the ſame with Sir *John Atwood's*, who lieth buried at *Wolverly*, doth moſt plainly declare, that this was *John Beauchamp* Son of Sir *John Beauchamp* of *Holt*, who in an Office taken after the Death of Sir *John Atwood*, Knight, 15 Ric. II. was found to be his next Heir. (a).

(a) MS. Ab.

Beauchamp

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of
Mondel

Over-against Beauchamp's, between two Pillars, is another raised Tomb bearing a Man in a Gown, and a Woman lying at full length, both holding up their Hands in a Posture of Devotion. At the West End over their Heads, is this Inscription.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF ROBERT WILDE ESQUIRE
AND MARGARET HIS WIFE. SHE DIED THE FIRST
DAY OF JUNE 1606. ÆTATIS SUÆ 82. AND HE DYED
VICESSIMO SEPTIMO JAN. 1607. ÆTATIS SUÆ 72.

On a Tablet a little lower, on the same Tomb, is this Inscription.

Quod tibi succrevit mortali ex femine corpus
Ambit in hoc tumulo fuavis et alta quies.
Immortale tuum, quod cœlitus atque superne
Venit, et est melius, majus et est tumulo.
Fælices rapuere animæ, Heroesque beati,
Illud ad æternas Elisiasque domos.
Spiret Acydalios flores tua flebilis Urna,
Sint & sint cineri paxque, quiesque tuo.

On one side of the Wall are these Verses Painted.

Filius, et Patris virtutum, et nominis hæres
Hunc tumulum struxit Patris in exequias.
Sit facer hic tumulus duretque per omnia sæcla
Sit scelus et magnum te spoliassè nefas.

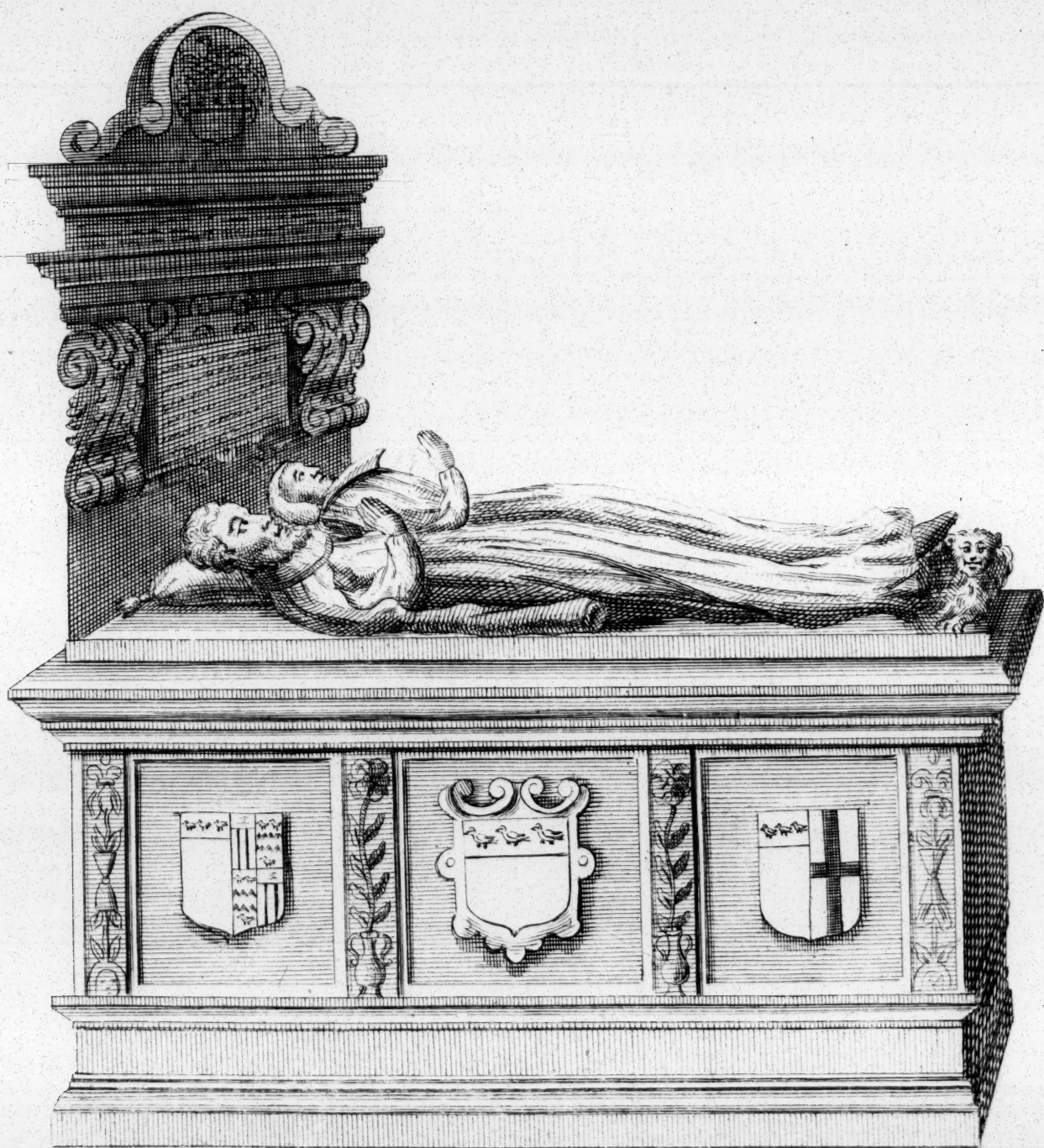
On the Wall opposite are these Verses Painted.

Noster Amor Vildus, vitæ splendore coruscus
Hic jacet, hic natus, vixit et occubuit.
Nil mage quis cupiat, quam in vivis nomen habere
Postque obitum in cœlo vivere cum domino.

On the top the Arms of *Wilde*, *Argent* on a chief *sable* three Martlets of the Field; Crest a Lyon Passant gaurdant, *gules*. On both sides three Shields, the middlemost *Wilde*. The dexter *Wilde*; empaling *Ludington*, viz. Quarterly, 1. and 4. palee of six *argent* and *sable*, in chief *gules* a Lyon passant Or. 2. and 3. *sable* a Fesse nebulee *argent* guttee de sang between three Elephants Heads Or. The sinister *Wylde*, empaling *argent*, a Cross *sable* with a Crescent.

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Esq. Wild's Monu.^t



J. Mynde sc.

On a fair Marble Tablet fixed to the Pillar near this Tomb, are the following Arms and Inscription.

On two Bars three Trefoils.

H. S. J.

PHILIPPUS FELL S. S. Theologiæ Baccalaureus,
COLLEGII omnium Animarum OXONII,
dein Etonensis juxta WINDSORAM Socius,
nec non

Ecclesiæ de Everden in Agro Northamptonensi Rector.

Vir

Eruditione, Probitate, Candore, Fide, et Pietate
inter paucos spectabilis.

Hic postquam vitam

Summa cum laude, nullisque simultatibus exegisset,
cum vividam mentem rebus gerendis natam,
mala corporis valetudo destituisset:
mortis meditationi unice intentus
In urbem hanc Maternam se recepit
Ubi inter Amicorum amplexus,
bonorum omnium desideria
animam Deo reddidit

MDCLXXXII,

Feb. XXVI. An.

Ætatis XLIX.

On another near it are the following Arms and Inscription.

The Arms are, 1. and 4. palee of six *argent* and *sable*, in chief
gules a Lyon passant Or. 2. 3. *sable*, a Fesse nebule *argent*, guttee
de sang between three Elephants Heads, Or.

Depo-

*Depositu Roberti Ludington Generosi
hic prope uxoris suæ Letitiæ, Patrum, ac Con-
sanguineorum cineres adjacet, Qui Juvenis
Societati Mercatorum Londinenium Turcicæ Ques-
tor, peragravit Italiam, Graciam, Turciam, Syriam,
Palestinam, Ægyptum, Persiam Arabiam, Caldeam, Bar-
lariam, Brasileam Molluccas, Indiam Orientalem
earumq; fere omnium linguas calluit, Reversus
singulos hujus civitatis honores cum digni-
tate gessit ætatisq; reliquum studiis impendit
Pietatem in Deum, Caritatem in pauperes Huma-
nitatem in omnes religiosissime coluit. Basilicam
hanc quotidie frequentans, in ea tandem
Acquievit.*

*Obiit Aug. 14. Anno Dom. 1625,
Ætatis suæ 76.*

On the Floor are several large Marble Grave-stones despoiled of thier Brass and without Inscriptions. The largest below the Steps which has still left on it the Impression of a Mitre and Crosier, is said to lie over Bishop *Tideman de Winchcomb*, and that close to him, to be the Grave-stone of Sir *Simon de Clifford* and his Lady; which if true, here by the Font stood the Altar of St. *John Baptist*, before which, the *Worcester Annals* tell us he was buried VII. Kal. Nov. MCCLXXXIX. (a).

Lower under another large Marble Tombstone, lieth Sir *John Beauchamp* of *Holt*; and on the North side of him, *Richard Bray*

(a) VII. Kal. Nov. MCCLXXXIX. Simon de Clifford miles in Ecclesia Cathedrali Wigorn. coram altari S. Johannis Baptiste habuit sepulcrum. Ang. Sac. P. i. p. 524.

and his Wife, and at their Feet five Children, he was Father to the famous Courtier Sir *Reginald Bray*, a faithful Servant to his Master H. 7. both in prosperity and Adversity. And lowest of all not far from the Pulpit lies buried Bishop *Wakefield*, under a large Marble Stone almost in the midst of the two lower Arches of the Western Part of this Church, which he had in his Life Time before erected.

Inscriptions. still legible on several flat Stones are as follows.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF
GERVAS WARMSTRY ESQUIER,
SOMETIME PRINCIPAL REGISTER
OF THIS DIOCESS, WHO DYED
THE 28. OF MAY, IN THE YERE.
1641.

On another.

THE MEMORY OF THE JUST

IS BLESSED.

HERE LYETH THE MORTALITY OF THE
MOST WORTHY REGISTER OF THIS
DIOCESE WILLIAM WARMSTRY
ESQUIER, WHOSE NAME, WHEN
THOU READEST, ENQUIER OF HIS
VIRTUES, THAT THOU MAYST LEARNE
BY HIS EXAMPLE TO GET AND
MAINTAYNE LOVE AND REPUTATION
AMONGST MEN, WITHOUT THE

EXPENCE OF THE FAVOUR OF GOD,
OR A GOOD CONSCIENCE; TO BE
HOSPITABLE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
CHARITABLE, AND TENDER OF ALL
MENS GOOD NAME, FREQUENT, AND
CONSTANT IN PRAYER, FAITHFUL IN
WEDLOCKE, WILLINGE TO DYE,
THAT THOU MAYST LIVE FOR EVER.
BLESSED ARE THE DEAD, THAT DYE IN
THE LORD.

On another the Arms of the Church of *Worcester*; empaling
a Cross Moline between two Crescents and two Decrescents,
Warmstry; with this Inscription.

Memoriæ dicatum

Thomæ Warmstrey S. S. Theol. Dr.

Decani olim Wigorn.

Strenuus hic Eccles. Anglic. Hyperaspistes, pietatis
æmulandæ, Fidelitis indelibatæ, Deo suum Cæsarique
donavit. Cujus Hospitalitatem ad majorum, mu-
nificentiam compositam, senserunt Pauperes, colue-
runt peregrini, Humanitatem stupuit quicquid
humanum est, charitatem quicquid in homine di-
vinum est, *Paulinum* illud etiam etiamnum inculcat,

Imitatores mei estote 1. Cor. 1.

Hujus posthumæ concionis vixit ad exemplar,

et Sublimato post sæcula pulvere,

Redintegratum corporis fumet amictum,

iterum concionaturus

vel in obsequium tui, vel in Judicium

Viator.

30^{mo} 8^{bris} die decessit, Anno Salutis nostræ 1655.

Ætatis suæ circa Sexagesimum.

On another.

MR. THOMAS WARMSTRY.

Near to this.

HERE LYETH THE BODY
OF MRS. CICELL WARMSTRY,
WIDDOW OF WILLIAM
WARMSTRY ESQ; WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE
27th. OF JANUARY 1649.

*On a Pillar adjoyning is a Monument fixed, in memory of her, wrapped
in her Widows Vail curiously folded, on the top two Persons weeping
and these Words in Greek, taken from*

Rev. 14. 13.

From henceforth blessed are the Dead
which dye in the Lord.

Arms at the top. *Warmstry*, Quartering a Fefs Lozenge. At the bottom
dexter *Warmstry* : sinister a Fefs danfette between three Roses.

In Mr. *Abington's* Time there were hereabouts also these
Inscriptions legible

Here lyeth George Wykes of Morton Gefferies Esquire,
he married Margaret Daughter of William Stanford
of Pakington, he dyed 18. Septem. 1605, Aged 74.

On another.

Here lyeth Gervase Carrington Batchelor of Laws
37 Years Prebendary in this Church, he was twice

married

First to Elizabeth Daughter to William Gower
of Woodhall, Esquire, and after her decease to
Jane Daughter of George Wykes of Morton
Jefferies Esquire, Com. Heref. He departed this
Life being then Sub-dean in this Church, Aged 74

27. Aug. 1611.

Above this, *Gules*, a Fesse between 3 escallops *argent* crescent
difference.

James Pichard, and by him his Daughter Mary
Wife of Mr. Thomas Cooke, 1621

On another.

Robert Warmstry Register, 7 Novemb. An. Do. 1601.

Mary his Wife 2 Jun. 1613.

The Arms, Warmstry quartering *Browne* of little *Frome*, viz.
'Argent a chevron between three Mulletts *Sable*.

In the North Ile of this Nave.

Above the Steps, on flat Stones the following Arms and
Inscriptions.

A Chevron Fleuretee between three Dogs Heads errased,
Duncomb, impaling three Arrows, in chief three Mulletts, *Busby*.

Here lyeth the Body of CATHERINE the
Wife of JOHN DUNCOMBE Esq; of East
Cleydon in *Buckinghamshire*, Daughter to
Sir JOHN BUSBY of *Addinton* in *Buckinghamshire*.

Cc

She

She died the 27. of June 1727.

Ætatis suæ 54.

On another.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF THOMAS
HARLEY ONE OF THE CHAMBER OF
THIS CITY WHO DYED THE 18 DECEM-
BER 1629. Aged 67.

Below the Steps on the North Side of a little Chappel, is the Tomb of Bishop *Bryan*, on his Head supported with Angels a Mitre, at his Feet a Lyon, and below on the side three Escudocheons, in the middle three Pyles in Point, and on the middle Pyle a Bishops Mitre, and under that a Cross fiche. In the dexter three Pyles in Point. in the sinister the same, empaling three fusilles in Fefs. *This last is gone.* On the South Side is a raised Monument about two Feet from the Ground with a cumbent Statue of a mitred Bishop thereon, said to be the Tomb of Bishop *Hemenhale*.

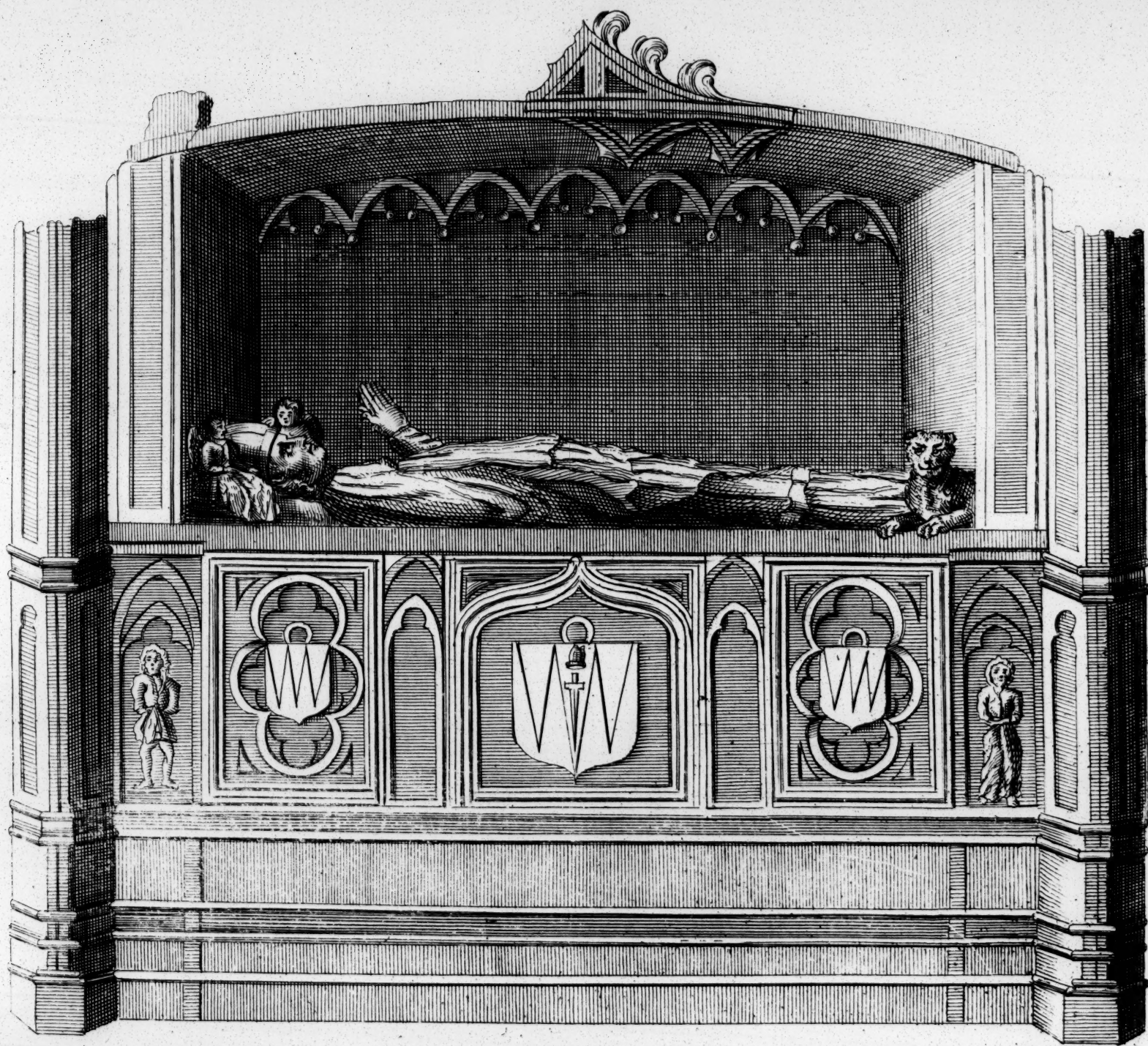
And going out on the right Hand is a fair curious Tomb fixed to the North-Wall, where within the Pillars which support an Arch over him, lieth the Portraiture of one vested for the Altar, and on his Head a Mitre. The Arms on the Side are all gone. This was erected for the learned and good Clerk Bishop *Cobham*, who caused this Ile to vaulted over at his own Charge. (a).

Farther below the Door on the same Wall, is a Monument, with the Figures of three Men in Gowns, and their Wives by them, Kneeling. On

(a) MS. Ab.

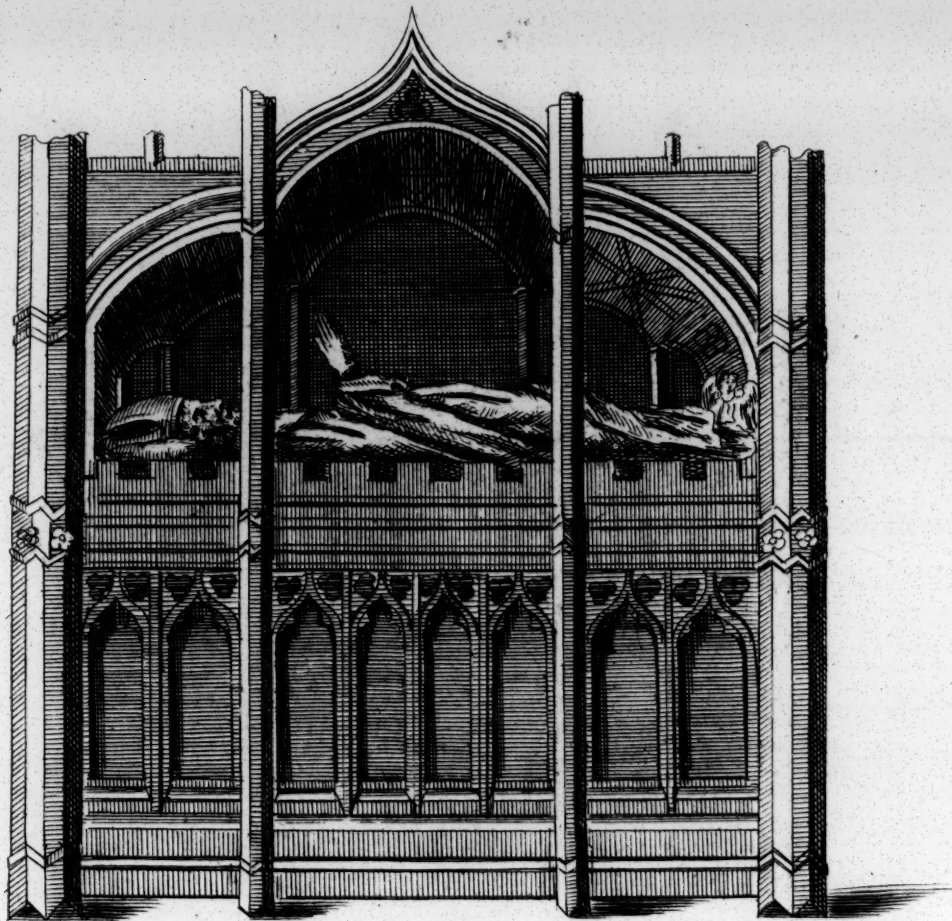
*Bish.^p Brian's Monu^t.
in Capella Iesu*

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J. Mynde sc

1 2 3 4 5 6 Feet



Moore's Monum.^t



Jas. Mynde sc

On the foregoing Monument is this Inscription.

HERE LYETH THE BODIES OF JOHN MOORE, AND ANNE HIS WIFE,
FATHER AND MOTHER TO THOMAS MOORE, WHO HERE LYETH
WITH MARY HIS WIFE, ALSO JOHN MOORE AND MARGARET
THEIR SISTER HERE LYETH: HERE BORNE, HERE BRED,
HERE BURIED DECEMBER ANNO 1613.

In a square Stone fixed in the Wall near the former.

HERE LYETH ANNE MOORE
WIFE OF EDWARD MOORE
OF THE CITIE OF WORCESTER,
DRAPER AND CLOTHIER
WHO DYED THE XXVIII
DAY OF FEBRUARY
ANNO DOM. 1614.

On the Floor below this on a Brass Plate.

IN MEMORIA ÆTERNA ERIT JUSTUS,
IN DIEM RESURRECTIONIS MORTALITATIS EXUVIAS
HOC IN TUMILO (QUEM MEMOR MORTIS
DUM IN VIVIS FUIT, SIBI ET SUIS DESTINAVIT)
SERVARI VOLUIT VIR INTEGERRIMUS
THOMAS MOORE, CIVIS ET SENATOR
PRIMARIUS ISTIUS CIVITATIS, VITÆ
INCORUPTÆ, FAMÆ INTACTÆ, CONSCIENTIÆ
IMACULATÆ, PIETATIS EXIMIÆ,
MINISTRORUM VERBI NON TANTUM AUDITOR
SED FAUTOR, CIVITATI PECUNIAS ET
SENATUM AUCTIONEM, PAUPERIBUS
PÆDOTROPHIUM, AMICIS DESIDERIUM, OMNIBUS
EXEMPLUM RELIQUIT.
QBIT APRILIS 30. ANNO REPARATÆ
SALUTIS 1633. ÆTATIS SUÆ 79.
MEMENTO MORI.



*M^{rs} Octavia Walf's mon.
See the Inscription thereon, p. 107. 106.*





Under the second Window and a fair Arch in the Wall is the Portraiture of a Priest vested for the Altar, lying on a raised Tomb, his Tonsure large and at his Feet a Lyon, and seemeth to be some ancient Prior before they obtained the honour of a Mitre. (a). Some say it is the Monument of one Fryar *Baskerville*.

Under the third Window, within an Arch is another raised Tomb out Portraiture, and above it on each side is fixed to the Wall the Monuments of *Inglethrop* and *Walsh*, with the following Arms and Inscriptions.

Gules, a Cross ingrailed *Argent*.

HERE LIES HIS FRAILTY,
HIS FAIR SOULE'S ABOVE,
WHO SORTED ALL HIS ACTIONS
TO THAT END.

THIS CITIES GLORY, EVERY GOOD MANS LOVE,
IN LIFE, IN DEATH, THE POORES PERPETUAL FREND.
AS HOSPITABLE AS THEY SPEAK OF JOVE,
HIS ZEAL, BUT HOW DARE WE COMMEND,
BEYOND ALL PENS HIS PRAISE WILL
BEST APPEARE.
ONLY TO WRITE, 'TIS INGLETHROP
LIES HERE.

On a Field *Argent*, a Fesse between six Martlets *Sable*, in a Lozenge, and this Inscription.

Siste Hospes,
Moræ pretium est scire,
Cujus hic conduntur Cineres

[a] MS. Ab.

Virginis Pudicæ, OCTAVIÆ WALSH,

Antiqua profapia natæ,
Summis Naturæ Dotibus ornataæ,
Gratia Divina Cœlitus Renataæ,
Modestia vere Virginali,
Constantia plusquam Virili,
Consuetudine prope Divina,
Terrestrium Nobili Contemptu,
Cælestium Ardente Desiderio,
Flagrante erga Deum,
Deoque charas animas zelo,
Inter paucas spectabilis.

Quæ

ad mentum acrem vigentem,
Deoque Dicatam Excolendam,
Unice intenta,
adeo corpus venustum,
(Oneribus heu tantis impar,)
Jejuniis, Vigiliis, Studiis,
Debilitavit, Fatigavit, et Fregit
ut hoc variolis Aggredientibus facile cedente,
Illa voti compos facta est,
Deum
Quem fide jngiter suspexisset,
Coram in Eternum intuendi
Decimo Die Octobris

Anno

Anno | Dom. MDCCVI
| Ætat suæ XXIX.

Below on flat Stones.

Richard Browne Organist died - - -

Aug. 1664 Aged 45. 7 Months.

Elizabeth his Wife who died

March 16. 1685. Aged 71.

On a Chevron an Eagle displayed impaling femee of Fleurs
Lis, Crest a Lyon Couchant.

H. S. J.

RICHARDUS WOOLLEY Gen.

Obiit Septembris Die 17mo.

Anno Domini MDCCXXIII.

Ætatis Suæ

LVII.

THOMAS COOKE GENT.

DIED 16 OCTOBER AN. DNI.

1629 ÆTAT.

68.

EDMUND COOKE GENT.

OBIIT

14 DIE MAII ANº DNI.

1635.

On another next to it the Portraits of a Man and his two
Wives spoiled of their Bras, two Children under the one, and
Ee three

Three under the other. On another below this, the Portraitures of a Man and his Wife spoiled also of their Bras and Arms.

Under the fourth Window within an Arch is another raised Tomb, with five Eschocheons void of Arms, and has no Inscription.

Above on the right Hand, of it. is fixed to the Wall, a Monument on which are the following Arms and Inscription.

Gules, three Fleur de Lis Or, a chief Vaire.

Near to this

Place lieth interred

the body of Catherine, the daughter
of Sr. Brian Palmes, of Linley, in the Country of
York, Kt.

She was Sincere and frequent in her
Devotions, an unwearied Promoter
of Piety, exactly just in her dealings
to all, charitable to the Poor, and
compassionate to the distressed; she
was zealous in her Love to her Friends, and
obliging in her Generosity to her Relations:

In acknowledgment of which,

they have erected this
Monument to her Memory.

She deceased the

21. of March 1703.

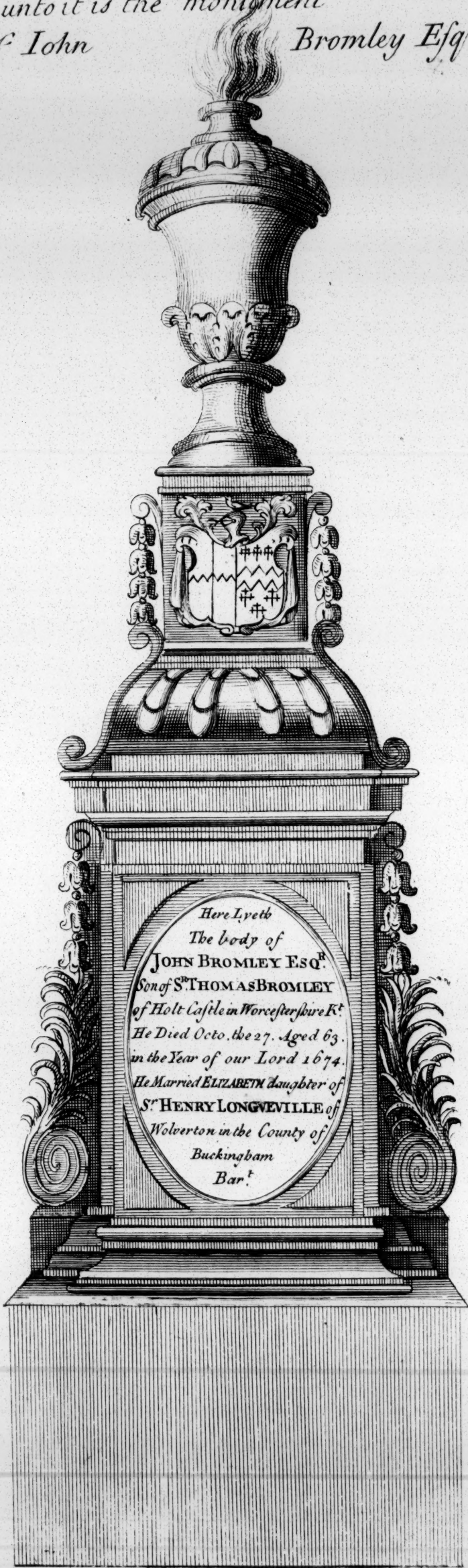
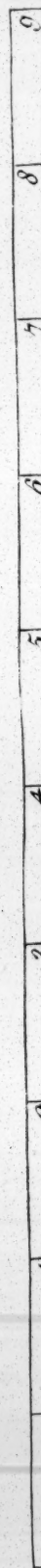
Aged 58.

Below

Next unto it is the monument
of Iohn Bromley Esq^r.

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Feet



Below

Below on the Ground *Bromley* ; Impaling *Walsh*.

Here lyeth the Body of Francis Son to Henry Bromley of Holt Castle in the County of Worcester Esq; he married Ann Daughter of Joseph Walsh of Abberley in the County of Worcester Esq; by whom he had three Sons and Six Daughters he dyed July the 14. 1703, Aged 59.

Upon a small Alabaster Monument over-against it.

Azure, a Chevron *Argent*, between three Dolphins. empaling (*Bromley*). And on a black polished Tablet in Letters of Gold this Inscription.

Near to this Pillar
lyeth the body of Frances,
Daughter of John Bromley
Esq; Wife of John Griffith A. M.
Minor Can. of this Church,
She died Aug. 21. 1682.
A pious and prudent Wife and of
Exemplary Virtue.

Under the fifth Window, within an Arch of the Wall, is a plain Tomb, over that Renowned Father of our *English* Laws, Judge *Littleton*, where are these Words written about the Monument.

*Hic jacet Corpus Thome Littleton de
frankly, militis de Balneo, & unus
Iusticiariorum de communi banco, qui obiit
23. Augusti An. Do. 1481.*

On a Brass Plate upon the top, was the Portraiture of a Judge in his Robes, and issuing from his Mouth *Fili Dei miserere mei*. Above it on the

same Stone were these Arms, first *Argent*, a Bend cotised *sable* within a Border *Gules* Besantee, (*Westcot*) Impaling, *Argent*, a Chevron between three Escallops *sable*, (*Littleton*): The second, *Littleton* again, impaling Barry of six *sables* and *Or*, in a Chief of the second two Pallets of the first, (*Burley*). An Inescutcheon, *Ermine*, charged with three Barrulets *Gules*. (*Edefyn*). And under these Escutcheons, *Argent*, a Chevron between three Escallop *Sable*, (*Littleton*) Impaling *Gules*, a Fesse between four Hands *Or*. (*Quatermaine*). Underneath at the Head of the Tomb, *Argent*, a Lyon rampant *Sable*, debrused with a Fesse countercomponee. *Or*, and *Azure*, Impaling, *Argent*, two Chevrons *Gules*. (*Grendon*).

On the side of the Monument, on the first Pane, *Ermine*, two, Talbots passant *Gules*, Langued, and Membred *Azure*: Impaling Barry of six *Sable* and *Or*, in a chief of the second two Pallets of the first, an Inescutcheon, *Ermine*, charged with three Barrulets *Gules*.

In the second Pane, *Gules*, a Fesse between four Hands *Or*, Impaling *Ermine*, two Talbots passant *Gules*, Langued *Azure*.

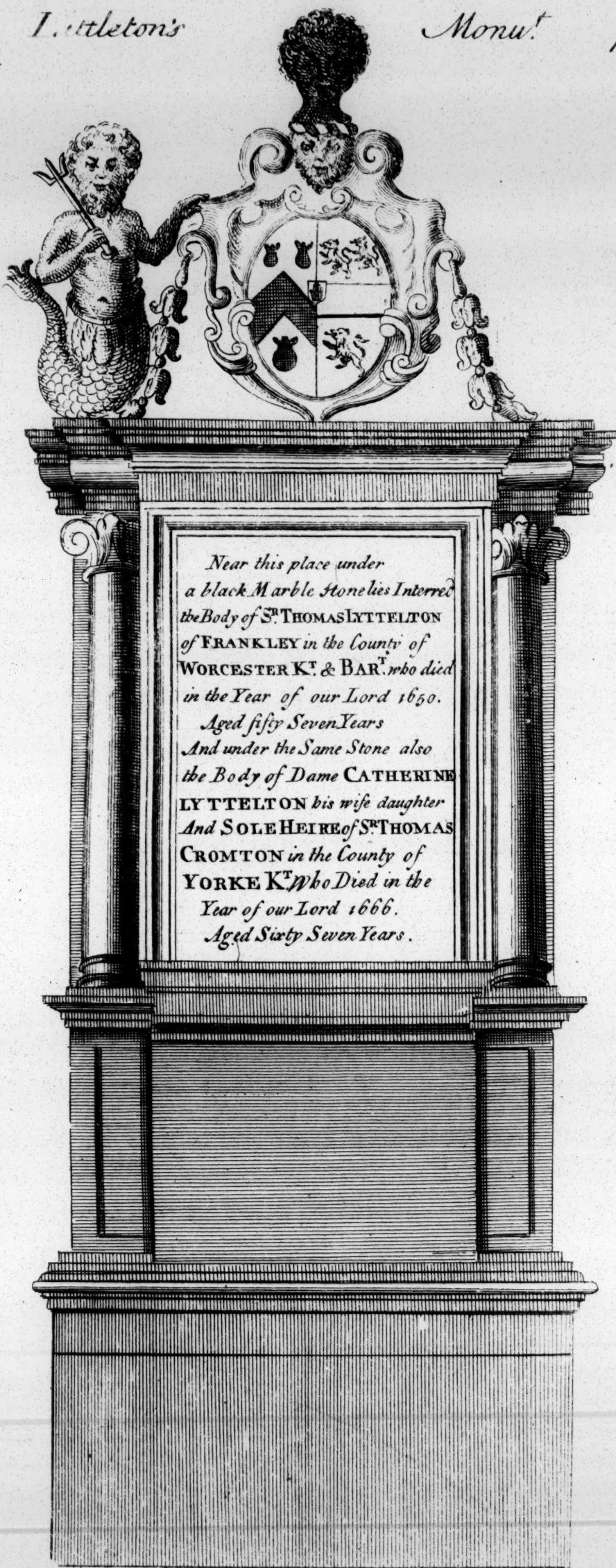
In the third Pane, *Argent*, a Chevron between three Escallops *Sable*, impaling *Gules*, a Fesse between four Hands *Or*.

Thus stood this Monument when Mr. *Abington* took his Survey of it, but in the Civil Wars it was despoiled of its Brass and Arms, and the following have since been put on the side of it.

1. *Argent*, a Chevron between three Escallops *sable*: impaling, *Gules* a Fess *Argent*, between four Hands *Or*. 2. *Argent*, a Bend cotised, *sable*, with a Border Besantee: impaling, (*Littleton*). 3. *Littleton*, impaling Barry of six *Or* and *Sable*, on a chief of the first, two Pallets of the second, with an Escutcheon of pretence, *Ermine*, three Barrulets *Gules*: 4. A Triton supporting the Arms of *Littleton*.

Ff

Or



On the Floor, near this Monument, is the following Inscription.

LET NO MAN SLIGHT
HIS MORTALITIE.

A^o 1649.

THESE WORDS WERE APPOINTED
TO BE HEREON INSCRIBED, BY SR.
THOMAS LITTLETON OF FRANDC-
LY IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER
KNIGHT AND BARONETT, WHO
DYED 22. OF FEBRUARY 1649. (a).
AND WAS BURIED UNDER THIS STONE
TOGETHER WITH DAME CATHERINE
HIS WIFE, WHO DYED THE 24. OF
JUNE 1666. FULL OF YEARES
AND GOOD WORKES.

On others near it.

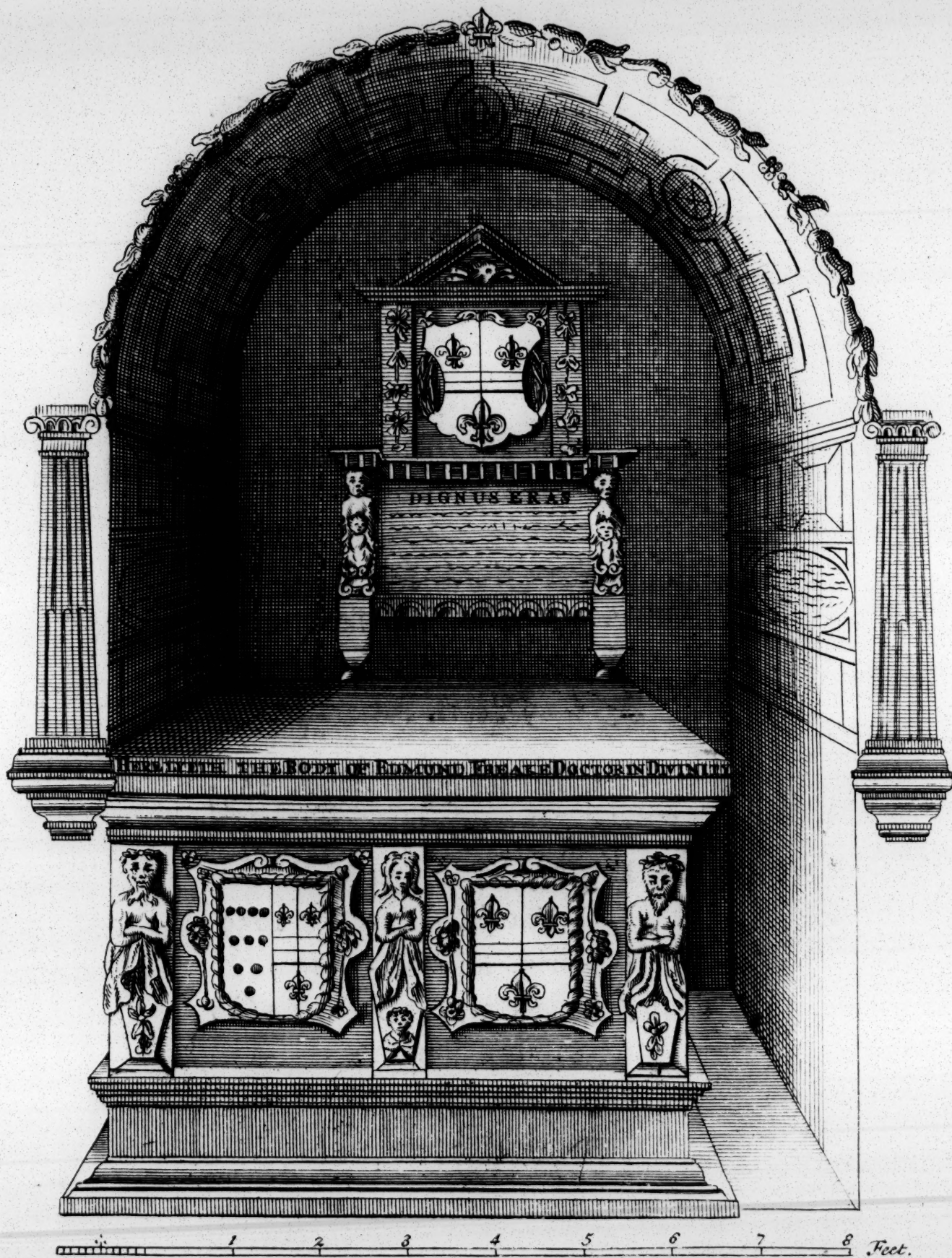
Tho. Lygon third Son of
William Lygon of Madresfield
Esq; died April the 2d. 1711
Aged 15 Years.

Next to this.

Deposita Johannis	1645
Wightwick, Servientis	
ad Legem, et Brigettæ	
Uxoris,	1659
et Mariæ, filiæ pre-	
dicti Johannis et uxoris	1668
percharissimæ Thomæ	
Street Armigeri.	
Resurgent.	

(a) N. B. The Dates of the Year of his Death are different as cut on the Stone, and on the Monument.
1649, according to the Church Account on the Stone.
1650, according to the Julian Account on the Monument.

Under the Sixth Window within an Arch of the wall ^{P. 116}
 is Bish.^p Freake's Monument.



J. Munde. Sc.

On this Monument are the following Arms and Inscription.

On the top; Quarterly, *sable* and *argent*, a Fefs between three
Fleurs de Lis counter-changed of the Field; under it these Verses
in Letters of Gold.

DIGNUS ERAS PRÆSUL PYLIOS CANESCERE IN ANNOS,
FREAKE PATER SI TE DIGNA FUISSET HUMUS.
IN TUA BUSTA DAMUS LACRYMAS, ECCLESIA VULTUM
IMBRE RIGAT, LUCTU TEMPLA FORUMQUE SONANT.
INCASSUM PAR EST IGITUR LENIRE DOLOREM,
MORTUUS ÆTHEREA VIVIT IN ARCE DEO.
FOELIX O FOELIX NIVIE, ET SINCERITER ACTÆ,
PRÆMIA QUI VITÆ NON PERITURA TENES.

On the left Hand of the Arch, is this Inscription.

ΜΟΙΡΑ ΒΡΟΤΟΙΣ ΘΝΗΣΚΕΙΝ
ΒΙΟΣ ΑΣΤΑΤΟΣ ΑΝΘΟΣ ΟΝΕΙΡΟΣ
ΦΕΥ ΧΘΟΝΙΟΙΣ ΟΛΟΗ ΚΗΡ ΜΕΡΟΠΕΣΣΙΝ
ΟΙΑ ΚΟΝΙΣ ΤΗΝ ΩΚΑ ΕΦ ΑΙΗΣ
ΗΛΑΣ' ΑΗΤΗΣ
ΟΙΣ ΒΙΟΣ ΑΣΠΙΛΟΣ
ΔΙΑΡΚΙΟΣ ΕΣΤΙ ΒΙΟΣ

Opposite to the former, is this Inscription.

(RIVOS
PERDIDIMUS PATREM, LACRYMARUM EFFUNDITE
PERDIDIMUS CELEBREM RELIGIONE VIRUM.

(SCANDIT
PERDIDIMUS. MELIORQUE SUI PARS CÆRULA
SIDERA, NEC MORES FAMA NIGRARE VALET.

On the Verge of the Tomb, at top

HERE LYETH THE BODIE OF
EDMUND FREAKE, DOCTOR IN
DIVINITIE, SOMTIME BYSHOPPE
HERE

Under it two Coats. 1. The See of *Worcester*; Impaling *Freake*.
2. *Freake*; with these Words below.

VIRTUS HONOR PIETAS MERCES.

On the Verge at the bottom.

First Bishoppe of Rochester, next of Norwiche,
last of Worcester, and dyed at the Age of 74.

In an Oval over it.

A. D.

1591.

August,

22.

Near to this.

TIMOTHY BRIGINSHAW of Earls Court
in the County of Worcester Esq; Dyed the
27. Oct. 1722. Aged 57.

ANN his Wife Daughter of JOHN BARNEBY

of

of Brochampton in the County of Hereford Esq;
Dyed the 24th of July 1727 Aged 55. They had
Issue 2 Sons and 3 Daughters.

TIMOTHY Son of the said TIMOTHY and ANN
BRIGINSHAW. Dyed the 8th of Nov. 1712.
Aged, 15.

*On a little Monument fixed to the Wall, below the second South
Door is this Inscription.*

Threnodia Guilielmi Barkesdale

In obitum suæ Franciscæ.

Heu vixit Francisca, mihi charissima conjux,

Heu violæ languens, lilia et alba cadunt.

Siccine mortales nullo discrimine Parca

Abstrahis? eximium nil finis esse diu?

Scilicet humanis tua erant majora: tua illa

Sancta fides, virtus, obsequium, Pietas. (a).



Going down into the CLOSTERS.

*On the left Hand, is fixed to the Wall a Marble Monument,
having these Arms and Inscriptions.*

*Azure, a Chevron between three Escallops Or; Impaling Or, on
a Fess Azure, three Garbs of the first in chief a Cross Croset
fitche Gules.*

Sec-

(a) She was Wife of William Barkesdale Prebendary here from 1604 to 1628,

Secessus Selectus

MARIÆ TOWNSHEND,

Humilitate ipsa excelsæ, a sepulturæ typho inani, a pulveris vilis domicilio
 Illustri post obitum, non minus quam a seculi pompa bracteata in
 vivis alienæ, anima pura, cœlesti, supra fydera evecta, Cadaver non
 diutius in terra gemmæ pretiosæ tegumentum, cito verinium putridum
 sodalitium futurum, claustro receptaculi diverticulo (immo calculo
 vulgari) opprobrio, depositum designavit Matrona natalibus,
 nec non nuptiis æque egregie generosa,

Thomæ Vernon Armigeri, Filia,

Henrici Townshend ejusdem dignitatis Conjux.

Corporis venusti forma speciosa imprimis insignis, animi
 pulcritudine prestantiore, præ allis insignior : quasi inter stellas
 Luna minores. Nullo vultus fuce decorata, nullo pectoris dolo
 dehonestata. Non monilibus, sed moribus ; non vestibus, sed virtutibus
 ornata. splendida Dei cultrix, pia, assidua, cui in pretio eximio
 cubiculi religio, templi in honore summo. Marito dilectissimo
 (*Caio*) quamvis haud impar (*Caia*) placide obsequiosa, non frontis
 Supercilio, non linguæ jurgio fermentata. Dum cujuslibet gradus
 aliis benignitatis Magnetem Seipsam exhibuit tabe febricitante
 (...iennii spacio plus minus) laboravit ægritudinis mora, simul et
 disciplina mortificata, prius quam morua, naturæ rubigine
 gratia deterfa cordis contriti pœnitentia, omnibus numeris absoluta,
 meritis Christi innixa, fide non dubia, non tremula.

Fato defuncta est 15 die Octobris Anno | Domini 1684.
 | Ætatis suæ 31.

diutius

On flat Stones on the Floor.

Lady BOURCHIER Bd. in June 1726
JOHN RICHARDSON Esq; Bd. in Decemb. 1728.

Deposita

Mri. Tho Bird Mercatoris,
Unius communis concilii
Civit. Wigorn. Obiit 15^o
Oct. 1687.

Annæ et Brigettæ Filiarum
prædicti Thomæ

Obierunt in Domino | Sept. 14. 1681.
Feb. 12. 1686.

Depositum M^{ri}. Jo. Sayer, hujus
Ecclesiæ Sacristæ.
Refurgent.

On another.

H. S. J.

Joannes Sayer Presbyter,
Ex eorum numero,
Qui in Sacello Regali
Hymnis assiduis Deum celebrant,
In hac etiam Ecclesia
per Annos LVI.
Sacrario cum laude præfuit.
Suavissimus tandem Senex,
Citra vitæ studium longævus,
Morbo nec diutino, nec gravi
Hh

Evo.

Evocatus.

Animam pie placideque

Deo reddidit

Jan. 23. A. D. 1693.

Ætat. 84.

In memoriam Parentis optimi

hoc Posuit

Anna Bird, Thomæ Vidua

Nec non Liberorum

Joannis et Elizabethæ Bird,

Quorum reliquiæ

Hic juxta conduntur.

Decessit Joannes Nov. 23. A. D. 1693. Ætat. 20.

Elizabetha vero Jun. 12. A. D. 1694. Ætat. 16.

John Bird Obiit Nov. 23. 1693 Aged 20.

Elizabeth Bird Obiit June 12. 1694. Aged 16.

Here lyeth the Body of Catherine the Daughter of
Robert Salisbury and Mary his Wife who died August
29th 1706 Aged 5 Years and 3 Months

Omnibus Dilecta.

Mr. RICHARD DAVIS PSALTES

Obiit Ao. 1688,

Refurgam.

JOHN HODDYNOT

Organist

Dyed 25 Aug. 1731

Aged 43.

*In the South Cloyster on a black Marble Stone, are these Arms
and Inscription.*

Three Catherine Wheels with a Canton.

Hic jacet Depositum.

Thomæ Street, Militis,

Qui multos per Annos Vicinæ Civitatis

Clericus Communis factus,

Iustaque Civium benignitate in Parliamentum electus,

Tum Principi, tum populo placuit
in omnibus.

Tandem ad gradum Servientis ad Legem;

Serenissimi Regis Car. 2. Gratia,

Haud indigne elatus,

Judex Cambro-Britannicus devenit

Postea unus Baronum Scaccarii Constitutus,

Et abinde in Communem Bancum remotus

Magna Fama, majorique Integritate

In utrisque Curiis omnia Judicis Æquissimi

Complevit officia.

Et cum Potestas, omni Jure absoluta,

(Res liberis Angligenis hætenus ignota)

Sub Rege parum Politico, sed nimis infelici,

Totum nuper convulsit Regnum:

Solus ille, ille solus, e cunctis Judicibus,

Tam horrendo ausus est obistere Monstro.

Quid plura dicam,

Eximium fuit omnium virtutum Exemplar,

Fortis Tyrannicæ servitutis Antagonista,

Et

Et Religionis, Legumque Patriæ,

Intrepidus Conservator.

Obiit 8^o die Martii Anno Ætat. suæ 70.

et Salutis 1695.

In the East Cloyster on the Floor is the following Inscription.

H. S. E.

ELIZABETHA PHILIP I BARTON GEN. UXOR.

Cujus

Virtutes vere Christianas

In Deum Pietatem

In Suos Amorem

In omnes Benevolentiam

Tua interest, Lector,

Et suspicere et imitari.

Obiit 22 Die Decembris | Anno Domini 1729.
Æt. 73.

On the West Side of the Door entring into the Church is on the Stone Bench a cumbent Statue, said to be in Memory of *Alexander Neccham*, the famous Abbot of *Cirencester*, who died in the Year 1217 at the Bishops Palace at *Kensfey*, and was buried here in the Cloysters near to this South Door. (a). Of whom, *Leland* gives us this Epitaph.

Eclipsin patitur sapientia, sol sepelitur,

Qui dum vivebat, studii genus omne vigeat.

Solvitur in cineres Neccham, cui si foret hæres

In Terris unus, minus esset flebile funus. (b).

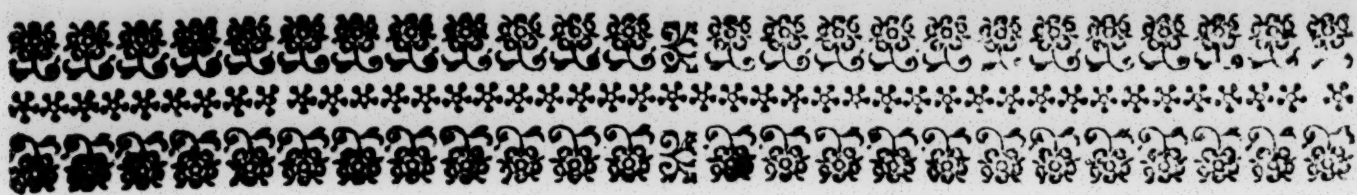
(a) *Annales Wigorn'* (b) *Lel. Com. de Script. Brit, p. 242.*



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A C C O U N T
O F T H E
B I S H O P S
O F
W O R C E S T E R :

From the First Foundation of the S E E, to
the Year 1600.





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WHEN the *Saxons* were first converted to the Faith of *Christ*, they were divided into Seven Kingdoms, the greatest of which was *Mercia*, containing most of the Counties between the *Thames* and the *Humber*, and therein 12,000 Families (*a*). It received not Christianity till the Year 656, when *Peada*, or *Weeda*, succeeded to his Father *Penda*, slain by *Oswey* the Christian, King of *Northumberland*. *Penda* was a Pagan, but his Son *Peada*, upon his Marriage with *Oswey's* Daughter, in the Year 653, embraced the Faith of *Christ*, and

(*a*) Hen. Hunt. p. 191. At this Time an Hundred Families made a great Town: Anglesy had no more than 900, and the Isle of Man had but 300 in it. Lloyd's Historical Account of Church Government, p. 114. About the Year 680, the Isle of Wight had 1200, and the Isle of Ely 600 Families in it. Spelm. 1. Tem. 1. p. 180. Bed. Eccl. Hist. 1. 4. c. 16 & 19.

he and all his Followers were baptized by *Finnan*, Bishop of *Lindisfarne*; for it seems he could not obtain his Lady without it (*a*).

This was thought a proper Time to undertake the Conversion of the *Mercians*; and in order thereto *Finnan* sent hither *Diuna*, or *Dwynna*, a *Scotsman*, and the whole Kingdom was soon put under his Pastoral Care; for at the first Conversion of the *Saxons*, there was but one *Bishop* in each Kingdom, and the whole of each Kingdom was his *Parish* or *Diocese*: There came along with him three learned and devout Presbyters, *Cedda*, *Adda*, and *Betta*; and the Kingdom being divided into three Provinces, *North Mercia*, *South Mercia*, and *West Mercia*, he allotted to each of them one, therein to propagate the Gospel amongst their Countrymen, for these were *Saxons*.

DIUMA had fate but a little while in this See before King *Peada* was treacherously slain, by the base Contrivance of his Wife, at the Feast of *Easter* 657, and he himself died in the following Year 658 (*b*), to whom succeeded

CELLACH, another *Scotsman*. *Oswey* then reigned, instead of his Son-in-law; but in 659, *Imminus*, *Eaba*, and *Eadberht*, the Viceroy of the three Provinces, drove him out, and *Wulphere*, the second Son of *Penda*, was set upon the Throne, a religious and good Prince, who totally destroyed Idolatry in his Kingdom. This *Cellach*, in little more than an Year, either died or resigned his Bishoprick, and returned into his own Country (*c*). To whom

TRUMHERE succeeded at the latter End of 659, or Beginning of 660. He was an *Englishman*, of the Royal Blood of the Kings of *Northumberland*, and converted a Multitude of Unbelievers to the Christian Faith (*d*).

JARUMAN, upon his Death, came to the See 663, and fate here four Years, and he dying 667, it was vacant two Years. And then

(*a*) Flor. Wig.
Vol. II. p. 295.

(*b*) Ibid.

(*c*) *Reverius est in insulam Hii. Cent. Magd. Alfordi Annales,*

(*d*) *Lel. com. de Script. p. 85.*

CEDDA, a pious and good Man, had the Bishoprick of *Mercia* given to him. Before his Time the Bishops had no fixed Habitation, but dwelt in Monasteries, and other religious Places, such as was most convenient for them; but by him, with the Consent of King *Wulfere*, was the See fixed at *Litchfield*, and a Cathedral Church built there, which still retains his Name. Two Years and an half he sat in this See, and then languishing some little Time he expired, 6th of the Nones of *March*, 672 (a).

WINFRED was the same Year consecrated by *Theodore*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*: The Year following he was present at a Council held at *Hertford* (b), 24 Sept. 673, Indiction 1, where the said *Theodore* presided, and the augmenting of the Number of the Bishops, upon the great Increase of the Faithful, especially in the Kingdom of *Mercia*, was there treated of (c): But he positively refusing to have this his large Diocese in any wise divided, nothing was then positively determined about it. But afterwards *Theodore*, still pursuing his Design, and *Winfred* still denying to give his Consent, the Archbishop deposed him, and placed *Saxulf*, Abbot of *Burgh*, in his Room, An. 675 (d), and the next Year, with *Saxulph's* Consent, the Bishoprick of *Hereford* was erected, to which *Putta*, who had been forced to leave *Rochester*, was preferred (e). And not content with this, three more Bishopricks were taken out of it soon after, viz. *Leicester*, *Sidnacester*, and this of *Worcester*, to which King *Ethelred* consented, A. D. 679, persuaded thereto by *Oshere*, one of his Viceroys, who then governed under him the Province of *Wiccia*, with a sort of Regal Power, and was desirous it should have a Bishop of its own (f). This Division of the *Mercian* Kingdom into five Bishopricks, was confirmed at the great Synod held at *Hedtfeld*, 15 Cal. Oct. 680, where was present *John*, chief Chanter of *St. Peter's* in *Rome*, sent by Pope *Agatho*,

(a) Ang. Sac. p. 426. Flor. Wig. (b) Herudford Durocochbrivis, Hertford, ruber transitus. Vid. Gal. Itiner. p. 62. (c) Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 152, 153. (d) Bede Eccl. Hist. l. 4. c. 6. (e) Flor. Wig. p. 251. Ang. Sac. Vol. I. p. 424. Chron. Sax. (f) Flor. Wig. p. 559.

and the *Lateran* Council of 125 Bishops, to inquire into the Faith of the *British* Churches, concerning the Opinions of the *Monothelites*, and to settle the Disputes which had arisen between *Theodore* and his Suffragans, about these Matters (*a*). After this Division, the first Bishop nominated to the See of *Worcester* was

TATFRITH or TADFRID, a Man of excellent Parts and Learning, and no less Sanctity, being said to have been a stout Champion of JESUS CHRIST: He belonged to *Hilda's* famous Monastery, called then *Streonehall*, now *Whitby* in *Yorkshire*, which was at that Time the greatest School of Learning in all the North, and produced many worthy Men. Before he could be consecrated he was taken away by untimely Death (*b*). And in his Place was elected

BESEL or BOSEL (*c*), or BOSIL (*d*), another learned Man, brought up in the same Monastery with *Tatfrith*: He was consecrated by *Theodore*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *A. D.* 680; in which Year *Ofer*, Viceroy of the *Wiccians*, with Leave of his Sovereign Lord King *Ethelred*, gave for the Pardon of his Sins thirty Manfes at *Ripple*, in this Diocese, to one *Frithowald* (a Monk belonging to Bishop *Winfrid*, who had been deposed by Archbishop *Theodore*) that he might there exercise the Ecclesiastical Rule (*e*). *Bosel* sat in this See eleven Years, and being at last pulled down with such extream Infirmary of Body, that he could no longer execute his Office, he freely abdicated the same, *A. D.* 691; and at his own Desire succeeded him

OSTFOR (*f*), ESTFER (*g*), ESTFOR (*h*), OFTFOR (*i*), OFFOR (*k*), OSTO HOR (*l*), who had been bred up with him in *Hilda's* (*m*) Monastery. He was a Man of singular Merit, and more than ordinary Learning; whilst Priest at *Streonehale*, he diligently studied the Holy

(*a*) Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 169. (*b*) Bed. Eccl. Hist. l. 4. c. 20. (*c*) Hem. Chart. p. 569, 570. (*d*) Antistes primus fuit *Hildæ Bosillus* alumnus. Lel. de Script. Brit. p. 81. (*e*) Hem. Chart. p. 46, 47. (*f*) Flor. Wig. (*g*) Hem. Chart. p. 569. (*h*) Ib. 570. (*i*) Ib. p. 23. (*k*) Ran. Higd. p. 241. Ed. Gal. (*l*) Lel. de Script. Brit. p. 94. (*m*) Obiit *Hilda* Abbatisa de *Whitby* xv Kal. Dec. 679. de cujus monasterio quinque Episcopi exierunt sc. *Bosa*, *Eata*, *Ofor*, *Johannes*, *Wilfridus*. Polych. R. Higd. p. 241. Ed. Gale.

Scriptures; from whence he went into *Kent*, and was for some Time an Attendant on Archbishop *Theodore*, where he learn'd the *Greek* Tongue: And from thence, in order to compleat his Studies, he went to *Rome*, which was looked upon as an Argument of great Piety and Industry, in that Age. Returning into his own Country, he settled in this Province of the *Wiccians*, over which *Osfic* (a), then presided: Here he preached the Gospel of CHRIST, under Bishop *Bosel*, his Old Friend and Acquaintance, with such Care and Fidelity, that when he resigned his Bishoprick, in the Judgment of all Men, he was thought most fit to succeed him (b). The See of *Canterbury* being then void by the Death of *Theodore*, which happen'd on the 13th Kal. Oct. 690 (c), he was consecrated at the Command of King *Æthelred*, by the famous *Wilfrid* (d), who being driven out of his See of *York*, was, upon the Death of *Saxulf*, made Bishop of the *Middle-Angles*, and the whole Church of the *Mercians* committed to his Care. In his Time there was a Monastery at *Fladbury*, then called *Fleðanbypurȝ*, or *Fleðanburȝ*, wherein was an Abbot and Monks, how many, not said: For King *Ædilred*, for the Forgiveness of his own Sins, and those of his Queen *Ostfrithe*, gave, or rather confirmed a former Grant of Forty-four Cassats of Land there to Bishop *Ostfor*, that through his Care and prudent Management the Monks might live honestly, and be duly supported (e). He gave also to him, and to his Church of *St. Peter*, the Prince of the Apostles, in the City of *ƿeoȝopne*, thirty Cassats of Land at *Heanburȝ* and *Austin*, now *Henbury* and *Aust*, with all their Appurtenances, and the Fishery upon the River *Severn*, belonging to the same (f). In his Time also did *Oshere*, King of the *Wiccians*, and his Son *Ædilheard*, give to Abbess *Cutswide*, to build a Monastery, the Land called *Penitanham* *quindecim tributariorum*, for to this Deed he was a Witness: And about the same Time did *Ædilheard* convey to her *Ingin*, containing five Manfes, which she had redeemed of him for 60 Shillings (g). *Ieland* is

(a) Lel. de Script. Brit. p. 95. (b) Flor. Wig. (c) Ibid. (d) Antiq. Britan. p. 56.
Ed. Han. Alf. An. Tom. II. p. 404. (e) Hem. Chart. p. 21, 22. (f) Ibid. p. 169.
(g) Ibid. p. 170.

of Opinion that he wrote many Books, all which perished in the *Danish* Devastation (*a*). He fate not in this See a full Year, for, before the end of it, he died, and

ECGWIN, ECWINE (*b*), succeeded him. The Monkish Historians say, that he was a *Wiccian*, and of Royal Blood: They give him the Title of Saint, but by whom, or when Canonized, tell us not. That he was religious from his Youth, passed thro' all the Orders of the Church, mounted regularly to the Priesthood, and the highest Offices of it. That he was famous for his Zeal in preaching the Word of God, and boldly rebuking the Vices of his Time; in particular their unlawful Marriages and heathenish Practices, setting before them the dreadful Punishments that would follow them. That he was very remarkable for his Sanctity, Humility, and good Works, in which he abounded, being a Father to the Fatherless, a Reliever of Widows, a Comforter of the oppressed. In a Word, one dear to God and Men, and to the King for his Prudence, Equity, Learning, Counsel, and Probity, very acceptable (*c*).

In the same Year that he was made Bishop, *Æthelred*, his King and Patron, gave to the Church of *Jegepne*, in free and perpetual Alms, ten Manfes, at a Place called *Wicbold*, on the South Side of the River *Salwarp*. *Berthwald*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, was a Witness to this Deed, who was chosen to that See the first Day of *July* this Year, tho' not consecrated till the Year following. This the King did at the earnest Desire of *Oslave*, formerly the King's faithful Servant, but then a Servant of God, in the City called *Jegepnacep-ter* (*d*). *Brithwold*, a Monk of *Glastonbury*, who wrote his Life, says, that he was accused to the King of some Crimes, and by him sent to *Rome*, where, being called before the Pope to clear himself, upon the first Hearing he was acquitted, and sent back with Honour: This, if true, must have happen'd in the Beginning of his Pontificate. There is no Doubt but *Wilfrid*, expelled from *York*, and upon

(*a*) *Lel. de Script Brit.* p. 95.
wold. Alford. An. sub anno.

(*b*) *Hem. Chart.* p. 23, 455.
(*d*) *Hem. Chart.* p. 383, 384.

(*c*) *Capgrave. Brith-*

Saxulf's Death made Bishop of the *Mercians*, was accus'd to King *Ethelred*, did appeal to *Rome*, went thither, and there was honourably acquitted, obtaining the Pope's Letters to the King in his Behalf, that he might be restored to his Rights, and the Monasteries that he had founded, where he first brought in the Rule of *St. Benedict*. *Brithwold* might mistake the one for the other; the rest of our Historians are silent as to *Ecgrwin's* going thither at this Time; but they all agree, that in the Year 708 (a), he went to *Rome* with King *Coenred*, and with *Offa*, King of the *East Saxons*, who leaving their Wives, Children, Lands, and Country, there resigned their Crowns, and became shorn Monks. It was at this Time that he obtained from Pope *Constantine*, *Epistolam Privilegii* (b), a Letter of Privilege, or a Charter of Confirmation of his Monastery of *Evesham*, which, with King *Ethelred's* Leave he had begun to build, in or about the Year 702. When he came back he finished it, and resigning his Bishoprick, became the first Abbot of it. *Capgrave* says it was dedicated in the Year 714, which could not be by Archbishop *Wilfrid*, for he died the same Year *St. Egwin* went to *Rome* (c); but I suppose it was consecrated by Bishop *Wilfrid*, his Successor and Coadjutor, who had been elected thereto in his Life-time, *if so adhuc superstite*, faith *Florence* of *Worcester*.

The Story of the Vision of the Virgin *Mary* to *Egwin*, before he founded it; the casting of the Keys of his Fetters into *Avon*, and of their being swallowed by a Fish, and miraculously found at *Rome* (d); upon his coming thither, and the unlocking of his Fetters with them; the founding of all the Bells on their own Accord, at his Entrance into that City (e), are the Produce of darker Times, and the Inven-

(a) *Alford* says, 709. (b) *Vid. Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 212.* (c) *Alford* says he died in 709. *An. Eccl. Ang. Sax. Tom. II. p. 464.* (d) *Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 211.* (e) *Malmesbury* says, that the Fish leaped into the Ship as he sailed over to *France*, and the Key then found in the Fish's Belly, and his Fetters unlocked there. *Lib. 4. de gestis Pontificum, p. 162.* Such another Story as this you will find in *Colgan's* Life of *St. Nennidius*. See *Reflections on the Devotions of the Roman Church, p. 276, 277.* *vincularum Romanam profectus est, campanarum urbis ut fertur in ejus adventu per se sonuerunt.* *Rad. Higd. Polych. p. 246. Ed. Gale.*

tions of foolish Monks, to raise the Honour of their Founder, and to give more Sanctity to their Cell.

Dugdale, in his *Antiquities of Warwickshire*, treating on *Stratford upon Avon*, tells us from *Leland* (a), that our Bishop *Ecgrwin* begged the Monastery of *Flaudenburgh* of King *Ethelred*, and afterwards exchanged it with *Ethelard*, Viceroy of the *Wiccians*, for that of *Stratford*; but this cannot be true: For in *Hemming's* Chartulary we have the Original Deed of that King; in which he gave it, or rather confirmed it, to his Predecessor *Ostfor*. And in the Bishop's Deed of Exchange, with *Ethelard*, he claims it in Right of succeeding to *Ostfor*, giving this Reason, why he parted with *Fladbury*, consisting of Forty-four Cassats, for *Stratford*, which consisted but of Twenty; because it was agreed between them, that after the Death of *Ethelard* they should return to the Church, and so they did; and the Manor of *Stratford* was Part of the demesne Lands of the Bishoprick; till passed away by Bishop *Heath* to *John Dudley*, Earl of *Warwick*, 1 *Edw.* VI, (l).

He also exchanged with King *Ethelwald*, the Year he came to his Crown, 716, two Huts and six Furnaces, on the North Side the River *Salwerpe*, for Part of a Field, on the South Side of the same, where Salt used to be made, at a Place called *Lothwic* and *Colberg*, there to erect three Huts and six Furnaces; to which Exchange, for the Good of his Soul, the King willingly agreed (c).

The Year following, 717, this pious Bishop died at his Abbey of *Eurham*, upon the third of the Calends of *January*, the fifth Day of the Week, Indiction 15, (d).

(a) *Lel. Col. Vol. I. p. 365.*
p. 442.

(d) *Flor. Wig.*

(b) *Hem. Chart. p. 21, 22, 23, 455.*

(c) *Hem. Chart.*

His Epitaph *Leland* gives us, in his *Collectanea*, as follows :

Rupe sub hac vili tegitur Vir summus, & vena
 Clauditur angusta, quem subvehit alta per orbem
 Veri fama volans, genus hic spectabile duxit
 Et mores habuit præclaros, magnaq; gessit,
 Ecclesiam fecit quam nunc dicunt Evesham,
 Ditavit terris & multa nobilitavit
 Libertate locum, qui regni iura tenebat.
 Omnimodam scripsit, qui scripsit curia Regni,
 Et qui Romanam sedem tunc Papa tenebat.
 Vita migravit cum solis per Capricornum,
 Tertius & decimus moderans existeret Orbis.

The four last Lines are in *Alford's Annals* read thus (a) :

Omnimodam scripsit, subscripsit Curia Regis,
 Et qui Romanam sedem tunc Papa regebat
 Confirmavit eam proprio testante sigillo.
 Vita Migravit cum Solis per Capricornum,
 Tertius & decimus medians existeret ortus.

WILFRID OF WULFRITHE, chosen Coadjutor to St. *Egwin*, upon his retiring to his Monastery at *Evesham*, succeeded him, and had the Character of an excellent good Man: He is frequently mentioned in *Hemming's Chartulary*. To his Old Friend, Earl *Leppa*, he gave five out of fifteen Cassats of Land at Beaſanbýpꝛ or *Bikury*, near the River *Tungle* in *Gloucestershire*, to hold during his Life, and the Life of his Daughter *Beage*, and after their Decease to return to the Episcopal See (l).

To this same *Beſia* or *Beage*, *An. Dom.* 718, King *Ethelbald*, for the Redemption of his Soul, gave six Cassats of Land, by the River *Bladaen*, near to the Ford called *Dæſleyford*, now *Dailesford*, to

(a) Tom. II. p. 485.

(b) Hem. Chart. p. 84.

build a Monastery there, to which Deed Bishop *Wilfrith* consented (*a*). Whether there was a religious House built there, is uncertain; for in the Year 841, *Burtulf*, King of the *Mercians*, gave six Cassats here, and perhaps the same as before, to Bishop *Heabert*, for three Pound of Silver (*b*).

He was also a Witness to a Deed of *Æthelbalð's*, wherein he gave, for the Good of his Soul, to a religious Woman, named *Kyneburge*, five Cassats of Land at *Bpaðanlægh*, now *Bradley*, with Power to give it to whom she pleased (*c*). This is the same Land which Bishop *Eathored* sued for in the Council at *Teichethy*, *An. Dom.* 789, or rather sooner.

The same King, by the Style of King of the *South-Angles*, gave to this Bishop *Wilfrith*, for the Good of his Soul, eight Cassats of Land, at *Bæcces opan* (*d*), now called *Battesford*, bounded by *Bourton-Hill* to the South, by the *Fosse*, or King's High-Way to the East, and by Rivulets to the North. This must be before the Year 735, in which Year *Walslod*, Bishop of *Hereford* died (*e*), who was a Witness to this Deed. He gave also to Bishop *Wilfrid* three Cassats of Land at *Wuducrafter*, for the Use of the Church of *St. Peter*, in *Wicogerne* City (*f*), and under the Title of King, not only of the *Mercians*, but of all the Provinces, commonly called *South-Angles*: He gave to Earl *Æthelric*, the Son of *Ober*, formerly King of the *Wiccians*, twenty Cassats of Land, at *Wutun* (*g*), or *Wutton* in *Warwickshire*, near the River, anciently called *Atwin*, *in jus Monastica rationis*, during the said Earl's Life, and to leave them to whom he pleased after his Death. To this Deed also Bishop *Wulfrith* consented and subscribed. In 736 there was held a general Synod, under *Nothelm*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Year he received his

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 68. (*b*) Ibid. p. 69. (*c*) Ibid. p. 15. (*d*) Ibid. p. 34, 376.
 (*e*) Falt. Savil. (*f*) Hem. Chart. p. 92, 117, 375. (*g*) Ibid. p. 218.

Pall from *Rome* (a) where was heard the Cause of Abbess *Hrotware*, the Grand-daughter of *Dunnan*, and the Daughter of *Bucgan*, to whom King *Æthelred*, with his Viceroy *Oher*, had given twenty Cassats of Land at *Þorandun*, now *Withington*, near the River *Tillath*, there to build a Monastery, in which she alone presided, and upon her Death-bed bequeathed it to her Daughter's Daughter; but she being not of Age, she left the Management of it, with the Deeds of the Land, to her Mother, during her Minority; who, when requested afterwards to deliver up the same, she refused, and said they were lost or stol'n. Upon which the Synod decreed the Abbess *Hrotware* to be in full and lawful Possession of the same, and anathematized those that had any hand in surreptitiously taking away the Writings: As also, that after the Death of *Hrotware*, the Land should return to the Episcopal See of *Wagrinchester*, according as it had been at first settled. To this subscribed several other Bishops, besides Bishop *Wilfrid*; among the rest *Wor*, Bishop of *Litchfield*, who died this Year 736, and *Cuthbert*, Bishop of *Hereford*, who came to that See the same Year the other died, so that we may truly place it under this Year (b).

And in the Year 742 there was another Synod held at *Clovesho*, where presided *Ethelald*, King of the *Mercians*, with *Cuthbert*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and the rest of his Suffragan Bishops (c). It was called, it seems, upon the Dissoluteness both of King and People, as appears from the Letters of *Boniface*, Archbishop of *Mentz*, to the King and the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, commending the former for his charitable good Works both to Church and Poor, but blaming him for leading a loose debauched Life, contemning Marriage, and corrupting others, even cloistered Virgins; as also for sometimes breaking in upon the Privileges of Churches and Monasteries, and spoiling them of their Goods. And in his Letter to the other he sets forth the Corruption of the Age, the scandalous Vices both of Clergy and Laity,

(a) Flor. Wig.
sub anno 742.

(b) Hem. Chart. p. 464, 465.

(c) Spelm. Concil. p. 230, &c.

their Sacrilege, their Pride, their Drunkenness, and therefore desired that a Synod might be called to correct these Vices; and that therein they would take care to prohibit the frequent Pilgrimages of their Women and veiled Nuns to *Rome*, for that most of them were corrupted by the Way; there being few Cities either in *France* or *Lowland*, where there was not an *English* Whore (a). To the Acts of this Synod King *Ethelbald* subscribed with his own Hand, and confirmed to the Church all its Rights and Privileges. The next Year 743, he gave to *Osred* of the Royal Family of the *Wiccians*, twenty Canons of Land at *Eaytune* and *Natanstunum*, *Alton* and *Botgrove*, *in possessionem juris Ecclesiastici*, that he might the better attend the Service of the Church (b). To this Deed Bishop *Wilfrith* subscribed, but lived not long after; for, according to *Florence of Worcester*, he died this Year. The Annals of *Mailross*, and the Continuator of *Bede's* Epitome say, he died in 745; the Annals of *Worcester* in 742, *Ralph Higden* 741 (c), which cannot be true, for he was alive at the making of this Deed by *Ethelbald*. Whenever he died he was succeeded by

MILDRED OF HILDRED, OR MILRED. He was a Man of great Learning, a profound Divine, and an eminent Preacher; to which was added a Chastity of Morals, an honesty of Mind, and a prudent Behaviour, as these Verses describe him:

Quintus Milredus castus prudens & honestus,

For he was the Fifth Bishop of *Worcester* (d). And in another Book was written,

Hunc proprie librum Milredus possidet ipse
Antistes sanctus, magno qui dignus honore,
Est etenim dapibus Scripturæ plenus & actu.

(a) Hæc scelera & impium Dei contemptum non multo post Cuthberti obitum irruptio Danorum in Angliis punivit & vindicavit. Antiq. Britanica, fol. 59.

(c) Wilfridus Wictorum Episcopus obiit 741. Succesit Milredus.

(d) Joh. Leland in Com. de Script. Britan. p. 113.

(b) Hem. Chart. p. 56.
Pol. Ran. Higden, p. 249.

In 747 he was at the great Synod of *Cloveshoe*, and subscribed to the Canons of it, in which, among other Things it was declared, That Divine Justice could not be satisfied by the Merits or good Works of others. The occasion of this was a certain rich Man's asserting, that he had made such full Expiation for his Sins, by the Fastings and Prayers of others, and their recital of Psalms for him, that if he should live 300 Years he needed not to fast, or repeat Psalms himself. If Divine Justice, says the Council, can be thus appeas'd by others, why is it said in the Gospel, that *it is easier for a Camel to go thro' a Needle's Eye, than for a rich Man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*, when they can so readily purchase the good Works of others. Let no Man deceive himself, God deceiveth no Man, who says by his Apostle, *We shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ*, &c. Our Saxon Ancestors dream'd of no such Thing as the Penance of one being communicated to another, or of a Treasury of Merits in the Church, or of praying Souls out of Purgatory (a). In his Time King *Ethelbald* freed all the Churches and Monasteries of his Kingdom from paying any Taxes, except to the building of Forts and Bridges (b). Not long after his Accession to this See, the said King *Ethelbald* gave to this honourable Bishop *Wilrede* and his holy Family, serving in the Minster of the holy Apostle *St. Peter*, in the Province of the *Wiccians*, at a Place called *Wigornæstre*, two Shops at *London*, for the Health of his Soul, and the Forgiveness of his Sins (c). After this *Eanbert*, Viceroy of the *Wiccians*, and his two Brethren *Uhtred* and *Aldred*, of the same Denomination and Power, gave to the Venerable Prelate *MILRED*, and to the See and Church of *St. Peter* in *Wigornæstre*, where their Parents lay buried, thirty Cassats at *Tredington*, upon

(a) Can. 27. de sanctæ Psalmodie utilitate. Spelm. Con. Tom. I. p. 253. Alford in his Annals leaves out this and the preceding Canon, giving us only their Titles, tho' he says he follows *Spelman's* Copy, which is no little Reflexion on his Sincerity, and shews a great Partiality for his own Church. (b) Spelm. p. 256, 257. sub anno 749. (c) Hem. Chart. p. 45. *Inwald*, Witness to this Deed, was then Bishop of *London*, who died 744, says *Godefrid*: 745 say *Fasti Savil*.

the River *Stour*, that whether alive or dead they might be Partakers of their Prayers (*a*). The aforesaid Brethren, for the Redemption of their Souls, in the Year 759, with Leave of *Offa*, gave to Abbot *Headda* ten Cassats, at *Dnnanford*; which Abbot left the Reversion of the same, together with *Dogodeswellan* and *Tyreltune*, to the Episcopal See of *Meogerncester*, for the Health of his Soul, and of his Kinsman, Bishop *Hathered* (*l*). Also King *Offa* gave to this honourable Prelate ten Manfes at *Þyrigtun*, in *Drinaforda Scire* (*c*), and forty Cassats of Land at *Readan Þozan* (*a*), *Anno Dom.* 759, about the same Time he gave to the Church (*e*) *Wikan*, on the West Side *Severn* or *Saferne*: He joined with *Aldred*, his Viceroy, in giving (*f*) *Timbington* to the Monastery at *Clife*, which afterwards came to the See of *Worcester*. And with his Leave *Uhtred*, the Brother of *Aldred*, gave to *Ethelmund*, the Son of *Ingeld*, *Eastun juxta Salwarpe*, which also came to the same See (*g*). And *Aldred*, with Leave of the King and his Brother *Uhtred*, gave to Earl *Beornheard* three Cassats, at *Huntenezune*, now *Hudington*; the same which *Egfrith*, *Offa*'s Son, 797, gave to Prince *Ethelmund*, and were afterwards Part of the Lands belonging to the Bishop of *Worcester*, as Part of his Manor of *Northwick* (*b*). With the Consent of the same King, Abbot *Ceolfriþ* gave to the Church of *St. Peter*, and the Episcopal See in *Wigrinancastre*, over which presided the Venerable Bishop *MILRED*, twenty Manfes at *Heanleri*; and fourteen Cassats of Land at *Sturc*, in the Province of the *Ufmers*, that came to him by Inheritance, from his Father *Cynebert* (*i*). After this it was that the Monastery of *St. Mary* was erected; for the next Gift we meet with is that of *Uatred*, Viceroy of the *Wiccians*, whose Deed bears Date 770, Indiction 8, wherein he gave *Stoke*, on the East Side the River *Salwarpe*, to the Brethren serving God in the Monastery at *Wigorne*, built

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 36.(*b*) Ibid. p. 52, 54.(*c*) Ibid. p. 59, 388.(*d*) Ibid. p. 443.(*e*) Ibid. p. 73.(*f*) Ibid. p. 460, 461.(*g*) Hick Theat. p. 170.(*h*) Hem.

Chart. p. 106, 305, 427.

(*i*) Hem. Chart. p. 474.

in Honour of the most Holy Virgin MARY, the Mother of our Lord JESUS CHRIST (a). And about the same Time he gave to the said Church of the Ever-blessed Virgin MARY, where the Bodies of his Parents lay buried, Sceppeaeyctune, for the better keeping a good Table, and that the Poor there inhabiting might partake thereof (b).

When this good Bishop died is not certain; the *Saxon Chronicle* says it was in the Year 772. But this must be false; for in 774, Indiction 12, there is extant a Deed of his, reciting that he the humble Bishop of the *Wiccians*, with the Servants of God under his Care, did willingly give to Abbess *Æthelburgh*, the Daughter of *Ælfred*, for her Life, the Land belonging to the Monastery called *puðianðun*, now *Withington*, on the West Side of the River *Tillath*, containing twenty one Manfes, which Land was given him by Abbess *Hrothware*, the Grandaughter of *Dunnan*, to whom it was first given by *Osfer*, Viceroy of the *Wiccians*, with the Consent of his Lord King *Ethelred*. And it was covenanted, that after her Death it should return to the Church of St. Peter in *Wrogerneastre*, where is the Pontifical See of the *Wiccians* (c). We must therefore place his Death after this; *Florence* and the *Worcester Annals* are rather to be credited, who say, he died in 775. To him succeeded

WEREMUND, of whom little is left us, but that he was Witness to two Deeds of King *Offa*'s; in the first of which he gave five Manfes at *Ductune* and *Æyrg*, near *Winterburne* in *Gloucestershire*, to the Monastery of St. Mary's, in *Wrogerneastre* (d), the Year not said; and in the other he gave eight Manfes, viz. the Village called *Ewangelade*, on the East Side the River *Badon*, to the Monastery of *Bredon*, after the Death of his faithful Servant *Riddan* and his Wife *Buggan*, and their Daughter *Heburge*. This deed is said to be signed in the Year of our Lord 772, Indiction 13, which must be false, for the Indiction that Year was 10; it must be then 775 to agree with

(a) Hem. Chart. fol. 322. Sceppeaeyctune, now *Shipston*. (b) Ibid. p. 324. (c) Ibid. fol. 465, 466. (d) Ibid. p. 90 & 377.

Indiction 13, and in this Year *Weremund* succeeded Bishop *Mildred*. He fare not long in this See, for he died in the Year 778. And

THERE, THILHERE (a), or (b) GILHERE, Abbot of *Beozlea*, or *Birkley*, was made Bishop in his room, soon after; for on the fifteenth of *June*, the same Year he subscribed to a Deed of *Al-areu's*, wherein he gave *Se gresbearwe*, on the West Side the Brook *El gburn*, containing three Manfes, to the Church of St. *Mary* in *Wegurn* City, which three Manfes *Offa* had before given to *Al-areu*, Duke of his own People the *Wiccians*, for his Life, and afterwards to whomsoever he would give it, *jure ecclesiastico possidendum* (c). And about the same Time *Offa* and *Aldred* gave to the said Church ten Manfes, at a Village called *Gete* (d). In the Year 780, this Bishop made a great Feast for King *Offa* and his Lords, at *Fledanbupgh*, now *Fladbury*, where the King gave to the Episcopal See of *Wigornestre* the Royal Village of *Croppethorn*, with all its Members, amounting in the whole to fifty Manfes, viz. at *Croppethorn* 7, at *Rootheretune* 1, at *Elmlige* 2, at *Criðlesho* 1, at *Creoretune* 14, at *Heantune* 15, at *Benin wæthe* 10. Moreover he gave to the Church a very choice Bible, with two Clafps of pure Gold. And the same Year the Bishop waited on the King at *Begantfoz*, and begged Leave that he might give of the aforesaid fifty Manfes, five and twenty to his Parents, which was granted him. (e) Also this Year did *Offa*, King of the *Mercians*, give unto the Church of St. *Peter* at *Breoune*, founded by his Grandfather *Eanulf* (f), twenty Manfes; at *Werstipfe* and *Coftune*: And on the same Day before-mentioned, and at the same Place at *Bregan fozd*, he further gave to the same Monastery thirty five Manfes, all in the Province of the *Wiccians*, five of them lying at *Trottingrun*, near the River *Terent*; ten more at *Wifanburnan*, having on the East *Geolwafozd*, and on

(a) Annales Wig.

(b) Textus Roffensis.

(c) Hem. Chart. p. 401, 402, 403.

(d) Ibid. p. 114.

(e) Ibid. p. 95.

(f) *Alford* tells us in his Annals, p. 584. that

Eanulf founded this Monastery, and built the Church in the Year 748, but quotes no Authority for it.

the West a Fountain, called *Gytingbroc*: Ten more lay at *Codelwellan* on the Hills, and the other ten at *Northun*, near the River *Tyrl* (a). To both these Deeds *Tilhere* consented, and subscribed his Name as a Witness to them: He also consented and subscribed to another Deed of *Alfred's*, without Date; wherein, with his Leave, he gave to his near Relation *Ethelburge*, for her Life, the Monastery at *Flædenbyrig*, and after to return to the Church. And this Land he had from *Acifrid*, *Etheleard*, and Bishop *Egcuin* (b). We find no more of him, but that he died in the Beginning of the next Year 781. And in his room quick'y succeeded

EATHORED, *HEATHORED*, (c) *HATHORED*, or (d) *ETHELRED*. For in this same Year 781, Indiction 4. (e), at a Synod at *Bregantford*, where were present King *Offa*, Archbishop *Lambert*, and several other Bishops, Abbots and Princes, the King claimed from the Bishop of the *Wiccians* 90 Manfes, at *Beathum*, 30 at *Stretford*, 38 at *Sture*, 14 at *Sture in Almerum*, 12 at *Breedune*, and 17 in *Homtune*, as the Lands of his near Kinsman King *Ethelbald*, to which he said they had no hereditary Right. To compound this Matter, *Heathored*, with the Advice and Consent of his Family, in *Wlegerne* City, gave to the King the famous Monastery at *Bath*, to hold to himself and his Heirs, and to give to whom he pleased: To which they added 30 Cassats of Land, lying on the South Side of the River *Eafen* there, which they bought of *Cynewulf*, King of the West Saxons. In Consideration of which, for Unanimity and Peace between them, the King confirmed unto them all the other Lands at *Stretford*, *Sture*, *Breedone*, *Homtune*, and *Sture in Almerum*, aforementioned. This Year the King kept his *Christmas* at *Tamoporthie*, *Tamworth*, and there gave to the Church of *St. Peter*, in *Wlegerne* City, 17 Manfes, 12 in *Homtune*, and 5 in *Feahallage* (f), and

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 453. (b) Ibid. p. 591. Ap. ad Bed. p. 765. (c) Ibid. p. 221.
(d) Gul. Malmesb. (e) Hem. Chart. p. 224, 225, 226. (f) Ibid. p. 219, 385, 554.
They lie in *Warwickshire*.

to the Church of St. *Mary*, instead of 8 Cassats at *Sapian*, the Village called *Itantumb*, or *Itaumb* (a), both which Deeds bear Date on St. *Stephen's* Day, and to both subscribed Bishop *Heathored*. We meet with nothing more about him till the famous Synod of *Calchuth* or *Chalchuth*, or *Elchithe*, which *Spelman* says was in the Year 787, but in *Hemming's* Chartulary it is placed in the Year 789 (b). Whenever it was, he had there a Controversy with one *Wulfheard*, the Son of *Cusian*, concerning the Inheritance of *Hemeless* and *Duda*, at *Intanbrogg* and *Bradanaeg*, *Inklarow* and *Bradley*, which they gave after their Decease to the Church at *Meogorncester*, and which *Wulfheard* endeavoured to defraud them of. The Bishop proved his Right to them, but for Peace sake he agreed that *Wulfheard* should have them for his Life, and that at his Death they should be restored to the Church, where the Bodies of *Hemeless* and *Duda* were deposited. There has been a Dispute amongst our Antiquaries, where this *Calchuth* or *Chalchuth*, or *Elchithe*, was. The Author of the Antiquities of the *British* Churches, places it in *Northumberland* (c), *Hollingshead*, more rightly, in the Kingdom of *Mercia*, but where, he has not told us. *Serenus Cressy*, in his Church History taken from *Alford*, thinks it was *Chelsea* (d), which he tells us *Cambden* found in an antient Deed written *Chelchebith*, but that was out of the Kingdom of *Mercia*. If I may be allowed to give my private Opinion, I take it rather to be *Henley* upon the *Thames*, which was the *Calleva Attrebatum*; and in some Copies of *Ptolemy* truly wrote *KALKOUA* (e). The Word *Calcuth* or *Chalchith*, signifies a Station for Boats at a Chalky Place, and to this the Situation of *Henley* answers, it lying upon the River *Thames*, at the End of the *Chalk* or *Chiltern* Hills. It was a noted Town in the *Roman* and *Saxon* Times, not far distant from *Alingdon*, formerly called *Clovesho*, where, as

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 412, 445. (b) Ibid. p. 16. Perhaps both might be true, the first and famous Synod in the Year 787, and the second in the Year 789, when the Bishop sued for his Lands. (c) Ibid. p. 62. Ed. Han. (d) Alf. An. Tom. II. fol. 647. a. (e) Anton. Item. p. Gale, p. 106.

well as here, were frequently held Councils and Synods under the *Mercian* Kings. And at a Synod at *Cloveshoas*, held in the Year 794. 37 of *Offa*, did our Bishop *Heathored* recover from Earl *Bynna*, five Manfes at *auffan*, which had been given by King *Ethelred* to *Ostfor*, and confirmed by King *Ethelbald*, and was then unjustly withheld from them (a). In his Time also did *Offa* give to this Church at *Scottapit Shotery*, to which he added 3 more at *Hellerelinge* (b). He also gave to the Monks of *S.t Mary* one Manfe at *Bradewelle* (c). About this Time did Duke *Wilfrith*, with his Lady *Alta*, give (d) *Lin-drug* with its Appurtenances, to the Church of the most blessed Prince of the Apostles *St. Peter*, in *Wigorne* City, where the Bodies of their Parents lay, viz. 15 Cassats in *Enitaton* and *Prowanham*, and *Cardulfestun*, with their Vills. For a Memorial of them, and of this their Gift, there was erected over their Graves, as soon as buried, a Cross of White Stone of curious Workmanship, after the Manner of the Antients: Near unto which, in after Times, Bishop *Oswald* used to preach unto the Multitude that flocked to hear him. The Church of *St. Peter's* belonging to the Episcopal See being too little to hold them, and the Monastery of *St. Mary* begun to be rebuilt by him, being not then finished. Which famous Cross lasted till the Time of King *Edward*, when *Alric*, Brother of *Berteach*, enlarging the Presbytery of the Church of *St. Peter*, took it down, and mixed the Stone with his other Work. At the Distance of one Mile, Northward from this famous Cross, without the City of *Worcester* there was another erected of white Stone, after the same Manner, at a Place called, from thence to this Day, *Whitestan*, or *Whitestone*; and this lasted till King *William's* Time, when it was pulled down, and the Stone made use of for building a Lavatory for the Monks (e). Between 791 and 795 did *Offa*, in a Council held at *Cloveshoas*, give for the Health of his Soul, to his faithful Minister *Ethelmund*, 55

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 113. (b) Ibid. p. 227. *Scottapit* or *Scottapit*, Shotery, near *Stratford upon Avon*. (c) Ibid. p. 328. (d) Ibid. p. 342, 343. (e) Ibid.

Caſſats at *Weiſſburg*, near the River *Aven*: To which Deed both the Archbishops, *Higbert* of *Litchfield* firſt, and then *Æthelheard* of *Canterbury* with *Eathored* ſubſcribed (*a*). Now *Æthelheard* came to the See of *Canterbury* in the Year 791, and 795 was the laſt Year of King *Offa*. Soon after this may be placed the Deed we meet with, *Hem. Chart.* p. 101, where *Offa* gave all the Land at *Weiſſburg*, viz. 60 Manſes, and at *Heanbyrig* 20 more, to *Wegornacſtre* after his Death, and the Death of his Son *Ecgfrith*, for the Health of his, and his Parents Souls, as long as the Chriſtian Faith ſhould remain in *Britain* (*b*). For to this Deed ſubſcribed *Æthelheard* and *Heathored*, but not *Hygbert*, whoſe Death *Alford* in his Annals places in the Year 795. The next Year on the 4th of the Kal. *Auguſt*, died the famous King *Offa*, and in a few Months following his Son *Ecgfrith*, who reigned but 141 Days. Before his Death he gave to his faithful Prince *Ethelmund* three Caſſats, at *Huntruatun*, to hold after the ſame Manner as *Aldred* and *Uhtred* had granted them formerly to *Beorharde* (*c*). This Deed was made in the famous Monastery at *Bath*, to which ſubſcribed *Æthelard*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, *Ealdulf*, then elected Biſhop of *Litchfield*, and our Biſhop *Eathored*, who, according to *Florence* and the *Worceſter* Annals, died the next Year 798. And in his room ſucceeded

DENEBERT (*d*), KENEBERT (*e*), TENEBERT (*f*), DENEBYRT (*g*), DÆNEBREHT (*h*), DENEbright (*i*), DÆNEBREHT. He was preſent at the Synod of *Cloveſho* in the Year 803, Indiction 11; 7 of *Cenwulf*, King of the *Mercians*; 4 of the Ides of *October*, *feria quinta* (*k*), where *Litchfield* was declared to be no longer an Archbiſhoprick, and *Canterbury* reſtored to its antient Right. Here alſo he had a Conteſt with *Wulfheard*, Biſhop of *Hereford*, concerning the Monasteries of *Celtanhou* and *Beccanford*, now *Cheltenham* and

(*a*) *Hem. Chart.* p. 109. (*b*) *Alf. An. Tom.* II. p. 677. (*c*) *Ibid.* p. 108. (*d*) *Spelm. Conc. Tom.* I. p. 302. (*e*) *Hem. Chart.* p. 19. (*f*) *Ibid.* p. 474. (*g*) *Spelm. Conc. Tom.* I. p. 325. *Denebreht* *Wegorarenſis Civitatis Episcopuſ.* (*h*) *Hem. Chart.* p. 20. (*i*) *Spelm. Conc.* p. 325. (*k*) *Spelm. Conc.* p. 324, 325, 326, 327.

Beckford, in this Diocese (*a*), which did of old belong to the Church of *Hereford*: He sued for his Procurations, *pastum suum*, at these two Places, which *Wulfheard* refused to pay him, alledging, that for above thirty Years last past none of his Predecessors had received them; but he proved that Bishop *Wermund* had received them at *Beccanford*, and Bishop *Hathored* at *Celtanhomme*, and that *Wulfheard* himself had given him Money for the same; upon which the Archbishop decreed, that for the future he should have half Procurations one Year at *Beccanford*, and the next, another half at *Celtanhomme*, to which he agreed for his Life, but would not bind his Successors (*b*). In this Synod did the same Bishop *Wulfheard* promise to *Tenebat* and his Family, in *Meogorne* City, and confirmed it with the Sign of the Cross, that he would in no wise break the Compact that he had made with his Predecessor *Heathored*, concerning the Lands at *Intanbrozgan* and at *Bradaneage*, *Inkberrow* and *Bradley* (*c*). There was another Synod held here at *Clovesto* the Year following (*d*), where *Aethelric*, the Son of *Aethelmund*, produced his Deeds, and proved his Title to his Lands at *Westmynter* (*e*). And it was adjudged by King *Coenwulf*, and Archbishop *Aethelard* and his Nobles, and all the Synod, that it was free for him to give them to whom he pleased. These he commended to the Care of some of his Friends, whilst he went to *Rome* for the Health of his Soul to visit the Sepulchres of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, and upon his Return to his own Country he disposed of them as follows: To *Deorhyrst*, for his Father *Aethelmund* and himself if he should happen to be buried there, *Todanhom* and at *Sture*, *Sceafich* and *Cobhanleah*, on Condition that they performed what they had promis'd to him. To *Werferthe* he gave 11 Manfes, at *Bremesgrefan* and *Teccanhom*, for his Life, and after that to *Meogornastre*. Thirty Manfes under *Ofre* he gave to *Glaucestre*, and to his Mother *Ciolburge*, if she should be living at his Death, 43

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 50, 51. in Parochia. Deneverbi. (*b*) Ibid. p. 50. (*c*) Ibid. p. 19.
 (*d*) Ibid. p. 446 & 471. (*e*) *Westmynter* or *Westmyrster*, which was another Name for *Westby*.
 For in Hem. Chart. p. 471. the Title is *Westbiria & Stce*.

Manſes at *Welleſmyſter* and at *Storr*, to enjoy them for her Life, and after that to go to the Church of *Wegome*; and to this Deed, among others, *Denebyrt* ſubſcribed. He was alſo preſent at the Council of *Celchyth*, 6 Kal. Aug. 816 (*a*), where *Coenwulf* preſided, with Archbiſhop *Wulfred*; and among other Things it was there ordained, that no Biſhop, Abbots or Abbeſſes ſhould grant away any of their Lands, without Conſent of their Families, and but for one Life; and that for the future, the Year of our Lord ſhould be put to their Deeds, as well as their Names ſubſcribed. I ſuppoſe it was ſome little Time before this Council (there being no Date to the Deed) that with the Conſent of his *Venerable Family* in *Wegerna* City, he gave to *Balthun*, a Preſbyter of their own Church, a modeſt and good Man, and a faithful and dear Friend unto it, 6 Manſes, at *Beardmodeſlea*, and eight at *Collesburnan* in *Glouceſterſhire*, the former for his Life, and the Life of whomſoever he ſhould leave them to, and the latter for his Life and two Lives more, and then to return to the ſaid Church (*b*). With their Conſent he alſo gave to *Eanſwithe* two Caſſats, at *Herefortune*, for her Life (*c*), and for this ſhe was to mend and waſh, and augment the Linnen belonging to the Church. To him, his faithful and venerable Biſhop, and to his Family at *Wegerne* City, did King *Coenwulf* give the Diet of twelve Men, which did of Right belong to that City, and for this they gave him thirteen Manſes, *viz.* the Monastery called *Bitumæuni*, conſiſting of three Manſes, and ten more on the Weſt Side *Severn*: And thus an End was put to ſome Differences that had been between them (*d*). This was done at *Tomoworthig*; in the Year 814, Indiction 7, on the 7th of the Kalends of *January*, and in the eighteenth Year of his Reign. And by another Deed bearing the ſame Date, he gave them one Caſſat of Land, at *Dunhamſtæde* (*e*). And in the ſame Year he exchanged with them eight Manſes at *Storr*, for twelve of theirs,

(*a*) Spelm. Conc. p. 327. Alf. An. Tom. III. p. 22.
 (*c*) Ibid. p. 330. (*d*) Ibid. p. 23.

(*b*) Hem. Chart. p. 88.

(*e*) Ibid. p. 415.

by Gythinge (a). In the Year 876 he gave them, on the East Side *Severn*, *Whittington*, *Spechleatun* and *Ceolowaldingcote*, *Wormeltun*, *Ræfnehill*, *Wlappawurthin*, and *Wdingalea*. And on the West Side of that River 30 Manfes more, at *Waluegan*, *Wescleage*, *Subbingwic* and *Lawern*. And at another Place, called *Ceadrefleaghe*, 25 Manfes more, in Exchange for 14 Manfes at *Sture* (b). In the Year 817 he gave them three Manfes at *Sluford*, on the West Side the River *Sture*; as also *Salowarpe* and *Wamitun*, *W.orne* and *Breton* (c). And by another Deed he gave them after his Death, *terram triginta tributariorum*, at *Fledanburgh* (d). *Florence of Worcester* calls this King a Saint, and says, that after many good Deeds done, he died in 819, leaving his Son *Kenelm* seven Years old, who was murdered by the Treachery of his eldest Sister *Quendrida*, in hopes to succeed him, but she mis'd of her Aim; for *Ceolulph*, *Coenwulf's* Brother stepped in, and after a Year's Reign was deposed by *Bernulf* in the Year 821. And in the Year following, viz. 822. this *Denebert*, Bishop of the *Wiccians* died, and was succeeded the same Year by

HEABYRHTE (e), *HEABERHT* (f), *HEATHBERT* (g), *EABERHT* (h), *EADBERT* (i), *HEREBERT* or *HERFERD* (k), or *HUBERT* (l), who was consecrated by *Wilfrid*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, to whom he swore Canonical Obedience. In the Year 824, at the great Synod of *Cloveho*, he had a Controversy with the Family at *Berclia*, concerning the Inheritance of *Ethelric*, before mentioned, the Son of *Ethelmund*, that is, the Monastery called *Westburgh*, which he left unto him, and which he was in Possession of, and of the Writings belonging thereto. It was decreed by the Archbishop, all the Synod consenting to it, that the Bishop should assert his Title, and

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 374.
p. 25.

(e) Ibid. p. 480.

(b) Ibid. p. 1. 337, 381.

(f) Ibid. p. 468.

(c) Ibid. p. 449.

(d) Ibid.

(g) Ibid. p. 516, 570.

(h) Ibid. p.

345.

(i) Alf. An. sub anno 822.

(k) Spelm. Con. Tom. I. p. 339.

(l) Godwin.

prove his Possession of it to be just, by the Oaths of many Presbyters, Deacons, and Monks. This Oath was taken thirty Nights after at the Bishop's See at *Wigornacraestre*, by fifty Mass Priests, ten Deacons, and one Hundred and sixty other Clergymen (*a*). And by the same Way of Trial, at the same Place and Time, thirty Nights after the Decree of the Synod, did he also prove his Right to the Herbage, and running of an 100 Swine in the Wood of *Suthun* (*b*). We meet with no further Mention of him, till the Great Council of *London*, on 26 May 833, where *Wiglaß*, then King of the *Mercians*, gave divers Gifts and Privileges to the Abbot and Monks of *Croyland*, who kindly received him, and concealed him from his Enemies, when drove out of his Kingdom by *Egbert*, King of the *West-Saxons*, and to this Deed he subscribed his Name *Herferdus* (*c*). To this King *Wiglaß* succeeded *Beortulf*, in 831, who took away from the Episcopal See and Church of *Wigorne*, *Stoltun*, *Wassanburna*, *Ceneburginetun*, *Taterington*, *Codeswell*, and gave them to his own Men. Upon which *Heaberht* with his Presbyters went to *Tomcworthie* at *Easter*, in the Year 840, Indiction 3, and there, before the King and his Nobles, proved their undoubted Right and Title to those Lands, and had them restored; upon which they presented the King with four choice Horses, a Ring worth thirty Marks, a wrought Dish of three Pounds Value, and two white Horns worth four Pounds more; and to his Queen *Sethrith* they gave two good Horses, two Cups worth two Pounds, and one gilt Cup worth two Pounds more (*d*). This was not the only Favour that this King shewed them, though it seems he was no great Friend to the Church (*e*), for in the Year following he gave to this venerable Bishop *Heabert* ten Manfes, at

(*a*) Spelm. Conc. p. 334. Hem. Chart. p. 467. where the Oath is said to have been made at *Westmonasterium*, i. e. *Westburgh*, belonging to the Bishop; but I rather think it was made at *Bijcep-ſtote*, in *piſgoepna Ceapſte*. Hicks's Diff. Epist. p. 80, 81. (*b*) Append. ad Hist. Bedæ, p. 768. (*c*) Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 336, 339. (*d*) Hem. Chart. p. 26, 27. (*e*) Vid. Ingulphi Hist. p. 488. b. l. 26. Edit. Sav.

Hwiccewuda, for the Health of his Soul, and in Consideration of a Ring of Gold worth 31 Marks, which he then received as a Present from him: This was done at a Place called *ƿroppanthorn* (a). This Deed he again ratified on *Christmās* Day following, at *ƿomanwerthie*; and the same Day gave to the Monks of St. Mary one *Manse* at *Wytton* for ever (b), and freed the Monastery of *Bredune* from all those Inconveniencies, which in the *Saxon* Tongue were called *Feytingmen*; for which Abbot *Eanmund* gave him and all the *Mercians* a large Silver Dish, well wrought, of great Value, and 190 Marks of pure Gold, and sung twelve hundred *Pfalters*, and 120 *Masses* for the King and all the *Mercians*, that the Grant might remain for ever (c). Some Time after this he gave to Bishop *Eaberht* and his Family, at *Wægerne* City five *Manfes*, at *ƿrohlra*, which the Bishop afterwards gave to the Monks (d). In the Year 845, Indiction 8, on the Nativity of our Lord, he gave them the Monastery by *Eafene*, called *Wæra Stretford*, containing twenty *Manfes*, free from all Manner of Tribute whatsoever; and the Bishop then gave him ten Pounds of Silver (e). *Byrtulf* also gave Bishop *Heabyrt* 15 Hides, at *Speolebyrig*, *Spilesbury* in *Oxfordshire*, but the Year not mentioned. (f) The *Worcester Annals*, and the *Obituary* (g), say he died soon after, in the Year 846. *Math. Westminster* places it in the Year 847, but *Florence of Worcester* in 848, and in that Year *Alford* in his *Annals* has placed it; whenever it was, they all agree that to him succeeded

ALHUNE (b), *ALCHUN* (i), or *ALHWINE* (k), *HALHEUN* (l), who in the Year 849, Indiction 12, did give, with the Consent of his Presbytery, to King *Bertwulf*, for their Defence, five *Manfes* at *Wearsetfelda*, five *Cassats* at *Coftune*, five *Manfes* at *Wreodanhale*, two more at *Wæorset Hill* and *Woptwuda*, with three in *Witlafesfeld*, for five Lives,

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 70, 387. (b) Ibid. p. 400. (c) Ibid. p. 458. (d) Ibid. p. 345, 572. (e) Ibid. p. 221, 480. (f) Ibid. p. 480. (g) Ibid. p. 572. (h) Ibid. p. 570. Ibid. p. 572. (i) Ibid. p. 516. (k) Ibid. p. 480. (l) Ibid. p. 573.

and then to return to the Church; for it was upon this Condition that the King should become a firmer Friend to them than he had been before; and that neither he, nor any of his Posterity should at any Time hereafter molest them in their Possessions, or in the least diminish any of the Lands or Goods that did then belong, or should in future Times be given to them (*a*). These Lands the King gave to his Servant *Ecberht* for the said five Lives, and received of him sixty Pounds in pure Gold and Silver for the same (*b*). In the thirteenth Year of his Reign 851, he gave for the Food of the Monks of St. Mary, three Cassats at *Grimantra*, for ever (*c*). His Successor *Burhed* or *Burgred*, was also a Benefactor to this Church; for in the Year 855, Indiction 3, for the Redemption of his Soul, and the Forgiveness of his Sins, he gave to his faithful and very dear Friend Bishop *Alhwine*, the Monastery called *Biorranlegh*, with many and great Privileges, for which the Bishop gave him 300 Shillings in Silver (*d*). The same Year at *Oswaldesdon*, when the Pagans were in *Wreocen Setum*, with the Consent of all his Nobles, he gave to his famous Bishop and faithful Friend *Alhune*, and to his Family in *Meogerne* City, ten Manfes, by *Cunelgan*, now *Colne*; eight at *Eadbaldington* and *Pultun*, six at *Beorondeslea*, now *Barnesly*: All these near *Hibury* in *Gloucestershire*, and five at *Elige*, and at the same time freed Three Manfes at *Beonetlege*, on the West Side *Sæbrine*, from Paw-nage, or Running of the King's Hogs, which was then called *Feapn-leype*; for all which the Bishop gave him two Bracelets of Gold finely worked, weighing 45 Marks (*e*). And in this same Year did *Alhwine* and his Family give to Duke *Ethelwulph* and his Wife *Wulfthrythe*, ten Cassats, in two Places, at *Codeswell* and at *Sture*, for their Lives, on special Condition that they should be reconciled to the Church of *Meogernecester*, and take it under their Protection; and that the said Prince should defend the Liberties both of it and of all

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 5, 6.
 (*e*) Ibid. p. 85, 436.

(*b*) Ibid. p. 8.

(*c*) Ibid. p. 416.

(*d*) Ibid. p. 31.

the Monasteries belonging to it, with true Friendship and pious Devotion (*a*). In 857 he gave him a Piece of Ground without the West Gate of *London*, called *Æolmundinge haga*, paying 12 *d.* a Year for the same, where afterwards the Bishops of *Worcester* had a Palace for the Conveniency of attending the King's Courts and Affairs of Parliament, as other Noblemen and Prelates had; and for this he gave the King 60 Shillings in Silver (*b*). In 864 he and his Queen *Æthelſwyth* being then at *Bath*, æt þæm hætum baþum, gave to venerable Bishop *Alhun* five Cassats, at *Æatun*, by the River *Ɔearwellan* (*c*), for which the Bishop presented them with a Chiatum (*d*), finely wrought with Gold and Silver, and therein four Hundred Shillings and one Hundred *Sicles* (*e*), in clean Money (*f*). And in 866 he gave to the Monks in *Wigornie* two Manſes, at *Secceslea*, otherwise called (*g*) *pulſſepðinleþ*, *pulſſeapðiglea*, *Wolverley*, free from any Services, except Pontage, Murage, and Expedition to the Wars. These are all the Gifts that I find given to the See and Monastery of *St. Mary* in this Bishop's Time, nor do I meet with any Thing more of him; but that in 868, the Year that the *Mercians* made Peace with the *Danes* at *Nottingham*, he built an Oratory at *Kemſey*, and dedicated it to the Apostle *St. Andrew* (*h*). He died in 872 (*i*), and was ſucceeded by

WEREFRID (*k*), WEREFRITH (*l*), HEREFRITH (*m*), WERFRITH (*n*), WERFERTH (*o*), HENFERTH (*p*), HEREFERTH (*q*), AVEREFRED (*r*). He was consecrated by *Æthelred*, Archbishop of

(*a*) Append. ad Bedam, fol. 769. Hem. Chart. p. 593. (*b*) Ibid. p. 44. (*c*) *Cearwellan*, *Charwell*, ibid. p. 63. (*d*) *Cyathum*. Ibid. p. 63. (*e*) *Sicles*. See an Enquiry into the State of the antient Measures, by Bishop *Hosper*, p. 427. (*f*) *Mundo pretio*. (*g*) Ibid. p. 410. (*h*) *Flor. Wig.* sub anno. Hem. Chart. p. 573. (*i*) Anno DCCC LXXII. Halheurnus XIus. Wygornensis Episcopus, obiit. (*k*) *Flor. Wig.* (*l*) Hem. Chart. p. 328. (*m*) *Mat. Westm.* (*n*) Hem. Chart. p. 43. (*o*) Ibid. p. 58. (*p*) *W. Malmesb.* (*q*) *Indicul. ad calcem. Florenti.* (*r*) *Rad. de Diceto.*

Canterbury, on the 7th Ides of *June*, being *Whitsunday* (a), and was this Year Witness to a Deed of ten Manſes at *Marnaclive*, which one *Cered* had purchaſed of *Burbred* King of the *Mercians*, for a thouſand Sicles, and which after his Death came to his Wife *Werthrythe*, who deſirous to go to *Rome*, perhaps along with the King, ſold the ſame to *Cuthulf*, one of the King's Miniſters, in the Preſence of all the Nobles of the Province of the *Wiccians*; and he afterwards, for the Health of his Soul, gave them to the Church of *Wigornaceſtre* (b). Soon after this King *Burbred* being expelled by the *Danes* went to *Rome*, and there died, and was buried in the Church of *St. Mary*, belonging to the School of the *Saxons*. Upon his deſerting his Kingdom, the *Danes* ravaged it from one End to the other, and in the Year 874 ſet up *Ceolulfus* for King, on Condition that whenever required he ſhould peaceably reſign the ſame unto them (c). This *Ceolwulf*, at the Requeſt of Biſhop *Werfrithe* and his Family in *Wicogernaceſtre*, in the Year 875, granted that the *Parochia* or Dioceſe of the *Hwiccians* ſhould be free from providing Food for the King's Horſes, and thoſe that led them: Upon which the Biſhop gave the King ſix Manſes at *Dæglesford*, and promiſed, that in all the Monaſteries of his Jurisdiction Prayers ſhould be daily made for the Forgiveness of his Sins. Then alſo the King agreed with, and gave him ſixty Marks of Gold, that he might enjoy this Land for his Life, and three Lives more, and then to return to *Wicogerne City* (d). In the ſame Year he gave to the Monaſtery of *St. Mary* ſix Caſſats, at *Uſere Broodun*, or *Uſerebiri*, with the Villages of *Cantuarctun* and *Þronedor*, and all that belonged thereto (e). How long *Ceolwulf* reigned is not ſaid, nor when he died; but in his Time the *Danes* ſpoiled all his Countrey, and *Mercia* remained no more a Kingdom. At this general Deſolation by thoſe Pagans, Biſhop *Werferth* fled,

(a) Anno 870, defuncto Hwiccorum Episcopo Alchuno, sanctæ Wigornienſis Eccleſiæ Nutricius, & vir in divinis Scripturis doctiſſimus Werfritus, ſeptimo Idus Junii die Pentecoſtes ab Etheredo Doroberniæ Archiepiſcopo Antiſtes eiſ ordinatus. *Rog. Hoveden*, 239. b. Ed. Sav. (b) *Hem. Chart.* p. 326. (c) *Flor. Wig.* ſub anno, *Rog. Hov.* p. 239. b. (d) *Hem. Chart.* p. 57. (e) *Ib.* p. 331. and

and retired into *France*, but *Ethelred*, Duke of the *Wiccians*, staid behind, and joined himself to *Alfred*, King of the *West-Saxons*, and was by him made Commander in chief of all his Forces: For in his Will, said to be made in 881, he styles him his *Princeps Militiæ*, and left unto him a Sword and two thousand Marks (a). He had been Partaker with him in all his Adversities, and having with him escaped all Dangers, he made him Ruler over the *Wiccians*, and gave him his Daughter *Ethelfleda* to Wife. This noble Person in 883, Indiction 1, with Leave of King *Alfred*, gave twelve Hides at *Store* to *Cynulfe*, the Son of *Ceoluhthe*, for three Lives, and they ended, to go for ever to the See of *Wigornester*. If the Date of this Deed be true, then *Werferth* was returned from *France*, for he was a Witness to it (b). He, no doubt, came over at the Request of King *Alfred* again, to take care of his Church: And it is said that he brought over along with him a learned Man, named *Grimbald* (c). In this same Year *Alford* places the coming in of *Johannes Erigena Scotus*, called *John Scot* (c), another learned Man, who had been a long time in *France*, in the Service of *Charles the Bald*: And about this Time it is very probable that this great King, a true Lover of Learning and learned Men, called to his Court *Plegmund*, afterwards Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Ethelstan* and *Werwulf*, out of *Mercia*, and *asser* out of *Wales*, whom he highly valued and preferred (d). In 886 King *Alfred* drove the *Danes* out of *London* (b), and repaired it, and gave the Rule of it to Duke *Ethelred*, and his Wife *Ethelflede*, the noble and worthy Daughter of that noble and worthy King, and both these proved great Benefactors to the Church of *Worcester*. For this *Ethelred*, Duke, and of the antient Nobility of the *Mercians*, in the Year 887, Indict. 5, did give to God and *St. Peter*, for the Health of his Soul, and the Stability of the *Mercian* Kingdom,

(a) Alf. sub anno, Tom. III. p. 150. (b) Hem. Chart. p. 103, 104, 105. (c) Annales Wig. The coming over of *Grimbald*, *Alford* places in the Year 885, Tom. III. p. 100. (d) Alf. Annal. sub Anno, Tom. III. p. 154. (e) *Alford. Annales* sub anno 884. *Alfred de gellis Alfredi*, p. 46, 47. *Rog. Hoveden*, p. 240, b.

six Manſes at Bertanwellan, and eight at Wærlintune, with all their Appurtenances belonging to the Church of Readanozan, and ſix Men, with all their Offspring, belonging formerly to the Royal Village Bronſingtune, to be the Inheritance of the Epiſcopal See of Wærogerneſtre for ever (a). In 889, *Alfred*, King of the *Angles* and *Saxons*, and *Ethelred*, Viceroy of the *Mercians*, with the Conſent of the Senators, Biſhops, and Dukes of both Nations, jointly gave *Werfrith*, the excellent Biſhop of the *Wiccians*, and to the Church of *Wærogerne*, a Place or Court in *London*, near to an old Stone Building, called *Hwetmundſtane*, adjoining to the Wall of the ſaid City, twenty-fix Perch in Length, thirteen Perch ſeven Feet broad at Top, and eleven Perch ſix Feet at Bottom, there to have Weights and Meaſures, and all ſold or bought within that Compaſs to pay Toll to the Biſhop, and not to the King (c). In the ſame Year he purchaſed of his beloved Family in the Church of *Wærogerne*, for three Lives, five Manſes at Alchmundingtuun, now *Aylminton*, a Manor in the Pariſh of *Henbury*, in *Salſo marifco*, in *Glouceſterſhire*, which before belonged to the Monaſtery at *Clife*, viz. for his own Life, and the Lives of two of his Heirs, and then to return to the ſaid Church (d). About this time, at a Meeting of *Mercna* men at *Saltwic*, he recover'd his Right to *Soppanbýrnig*, now *Sodbury* in *Glouceſterſhire*, unjuſtly retained from his See by the Heirs of one *Eanbalde*, to whom it had been given by Biſhop *Milred* (e), and *Eadnode* had then a Grant of it, paying to the Biſhop and his Succeſſors yearly fifteen Shillings, at *Tetanbýrig*. After the Year 890, ſays *Wharton*, in it ſays *Alford* our Biſhop, at the Requeſt of King *Alfred*, tranſlated out of *Latin* into *Engliſh* Saxon, the Paſtoral of *St. Gregory*, which the King publiſhed with a Preface of his own, and ſent to every Biſhop's See in his Kingdom a

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 60, 61. (b) Alford. ſub anno.

(d) Ibid. p. 118.

(e) Ibid. p. 119.

(c) Hem. Chart. p. 41, 42, 43.

Copy of it, with an *Æstel* or *Style*, worth fifty Marks, strictly commanding that it should not be taken away from the Book, nor the Book from the Church (*a*). In 892, the Bishop's Family in *Worcester* granted him three Manes at *Suth-hethfeld*, for his Life, and the Lives of three more after his Death (*b*). Not long after this, about the Year 894, *Æthelred* and *Æthelflede* rebuilt this City, which had been ruined by the *Danes*, and with Leave of King *Alfred* and his Nobility they gave to the Church of St. Peter and Bishop *Werferth*, half of all that belonged to the King, whether in the Market or in the Street, for their better Support and Maintenance; upon which the Bishop ordered, that at Morning Song, Evening Song, and Under Song, should be said for them the Psalm *de profundis*, as long as they lived, and after their Death *laudate Deum*, and every Saturday in St. Peter's Church thirty Psalms, with Masses (*c*). In 896, at a great Meeting of the *Worcester* Men at *Worcester*, he recovered his Right to three Cassats at *Worcester*, which King *Ethelbald* had given to the Church, and had been for some time unjustly detained from it (*d*). And in 897 he recovered five Manes at *Upton*, after the Death of one *Wullaf*, Lands that had been given to his See by King *Cenuulf*, for the Health of his Soul (*e*). In 899 this *Werfrid*, Bishop of the *Hwiccians*, gave to *Werwulf*, Priest, for old Acquaintance sake, and for his faithful Friendship and Duty five Manes, at *Edbaldington*, near *Cunelgnan*, now called the *Colne*, for two Lives (*f*). About this Time, with Leave of King *Alfred* and of *Æthelred*, and *Ethelfled*, and his own venerable Family, he gave to Abbot *Cynelm* his Kinsman, ten Manes, at *Benningpypth*, now *Bengworth*, near the River

(*a*) *Æstel*. Stylus Metallinus, Graphium fine atramento scribens hujus formam, exhibuit Joan. Jac. Chiffletus in libro *Anastasis Childerici Regis Francorum* inscripto paginis 182, 194. Vid. plura Pref. Wanleii ad l. 2. Antiq. Lit. Sept. & p. 290. Et dissertationem Hearnii de voce Anglo Saxonica *Æstel* ad principium, Vol. 7. Itinerarii Lelandi editam. (*b*) Hicks's Thef. p. 174. (*c*) Hick. Thef. p. 624, &c. Sept. Gram. Ang. Sax. p. 78. (*d*) Hem. Chart. p. 93. (*e*) Ibid. p. 29. (*f*) Ibid. p. 87.

ææn, for his Life and two more; the Persons holding the Land daily to do some charitable Act for the Soul of King *Burhred* and Bishop *Alhun*, who formerly gave it to God and the Church of St. *Mary*, in *Wæogernaceastre* (g). In 901 died his great Friend and Patron King *Alfred*, six Nights before *All-Saints* Day, and was buried at *Winchester* (b); to whom succeeded his Son *Edward* the Elder, famous for his freeing *Merrica* from the Power of the *Danes*, who had destroyed and ravaged it from one End to the other, ruined all the Monasteries, and forced the Monks to fly the Kingdom. In 904, Indiction 7, this King, with Duke *Ethelred*, and his Lady *Ethelfled*, confirmed to Bishop *Wigfrith* five Manſes, at *Eatun*, by the River *Charwell*, the Writings of which had been lost, and so he got from them a new Grant (c). The same Year the Bishop with his Eamily gave to *Ethelred* and *Ethelflede*, for their Lives, and the Life of their Daughter *Ælfwine* (d), several Houses within the *Burgh* of *Wæogernaceastre*, extending from the Water by the North Wall Eastwards, twenty-eight Rood in Length, and thence Southward twenty-four Rood in Breadth, and from thence Westward to *Sæferne*, nineteen Rood, with the Meadow on the West Side *Sæferne*, over against them. To these they added *Ludadingwic*, by *Beverburnan*, consisting of sixty Acres of Land, on the South Side the Brook, sixty on the North, and twelve Acres of Meadow Ground belonging to the same; all to return to the Church after their Deaths, for the Good of their Souls. This Duke *Ethelred* died 912, and his Lady retained the Government of the *Mercians*, except the Cities of *London* and *Oxford*, which her Brother kept for himself, and after many Towns built, and good Deeds done, she also died, on the 19th Kal. July 919, and left *Ælfwin* her only Daughter, the Heir of her Kingdom, whom her Brother deposed, and carried her away to *West-Sax*,

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 40.

(b) Chron. Sax. Flor. Wig.

(c) Hem. Chart. p. 65.

(d) Ibid. p. 13. Et Antiq. Lit. Sept. l. 2. p. 229.

three Weeks before the Nativity of our Lord, in the Year 920 (*a*). But before this, in 915, died *Werferth*, twelfth (*b*) Bishop of the *Wiccians*, a Man of great Learning and Sanctity, and excellently well versed in the Holy Scriptures, having sat in this See 42 Years (*c*), and was succeeded by

ÆTHELUN or ADELHUN (*d*), or ECELIN (*e*), or ATHELM (*f*). All that we know of him that he was Abbot of *Berkley*, before he was preferred to this See, and was consecrated the Year his Predecessor died: He sat about seven Years in troublesome Times, and was succeeded in the Year 922, Indict. 10, by

WILFRITH or WILFERTH, who the same Year gave to this Church two Hides of Land at *Clifford*, near *Stratford* upon *Aven* (*g*). In his second Year died King *Edward* the Elder, after many Battles successfully fought with the *Danes*, and many good Deeds done. He left his Kingdom, which then extended over all *Britain*, to his Son *Æthelstan*, who in the sixth Year of his Reign, *An.* 929, gave, or rather confirmed to the Church of *St. Mary* in *Worcester* City, five *Cassats*; that is, the Village called *Eatun*, by the River *Tea-well* (*h*). And this Year died Bishop *Wilferth*, and was succeeded by

KINEWOLD or COENWALD (*i*), or COENWALCH (*k*), or KENWALD (*l*), or KEONWALD (*m*), or KENOWALD (*n*), or CENWAL (*o*). This same Year King *Æthelstan* sent him with a Present to all the Monasteries of *Germany*: He arrived at *St. Gall* on the Ides of *October*, where he was kindly received by the Brethren, and staid with them four Days. On the second Day after his coming, being the Feast of *St. Gall*, he entered into the Church with a good Sum of Money, Part of which he put on the Altar, and the other Part he

(*a*) Chron. Sax. (*b*) Obit. Wig. in Hem. Chart. p. 573. (*c*) 42 Years, Hem. Chart. p. 570.
(*d*) Diceto. (*e*) W. Malmesh. (*f*) Hem. Chart. p. 569. (*g*) Hick. Thel. p. 174. (*h*) Hem. Chart. p. 67, 379. (*i*) Ibid. p. 164. (*k*) Flor. Wig. Angl. Sac. Tom. I. p. 472.
(*l* & *m*) Act. Ben. Seculi 5. p. 236. (*n* & *o*) Ad. An. Tom. III. p. 34.

gave to the Use of the Brethren. After this, entring the Monastery, they all voted him the Diet of one Brother, and the same Prayers to be made for him alive or dead, as were used to be made for themselves. These are the Names that were set down by him to be made Partakers of their Prayers: *Adalsiean*, King of *England*; *Kenowald*, Bishop; *Wighart*, *Kenuun*, *Conrat*, *Keonoluf*, *Wundych*, *Keondeud* (a). Also this same Year the King confirmed to him and the Church of *St. Mary* the Grant of *Austan*, for the Conveniency of fishing there (b). And about this Time he bought 20 Hides of Land at *Ælfgyðe cýpcan*, now *Alvechurch*, and gave it to the Church (c). This Bishop subscribed in the Year 940 to the Deed of *Edmund*, the King's Brother, in which he gave *Wursey* to the Monastery at *Winchester*, and in 948 to a Deed of King *Edrea's*, to the Monastery of *Æroglanð* (d). In 941 he placed *Seculars* at *Evesham*, which had been destroyed by the *Danes* (e), for as yet the Monks had not recovered their Rights, or were so much esteemed as the *Seculars*; but soon afterwards they came again into Favour, and were restored to several of their Monasteries, but a Stop was put thereto as soon as *Edwi* came to the Throne, which was in the Year 955. In the first Year of his Reign he enriched this Church with five Cassats, at *Feyse-nature*, and five Salt Furnaces belonging to the same; and this he did at the Intreaty of *Brithnoth*, then regally presiding over the *Wic-cians* (f). In the following Year 957, Bishop *Coenwald*, with the Consent of his Brethren, gave to *Bethstan*, Presbyter, and to three of his Heirs after him, *Tapenhale*, and one Cassat at *Gri-manbylle* (g). And to the Monastery he gave *Oddingcleve* and *Lawerne* (h). And the same Year died, having worthily presided over this Church 29 Years (i). He led a very severe and strict Life,

(a) Aſta Ben. S. 5. p. 236.
ſub annis, Ingulf. p. 498, b.
p. 333. (g) Ibid. p. 164.
p. 244.

(b) Hem. Chart. p. 111.

(e) Alf. An. ſub anno,

(h) Ibid. p. 573. & Annales Wig. p. 472.

(c) Ibid. p. 480.

(f) EADUI Rex. Hem. Chart.

(i) Hov.

as became the Monastick Profession, and was remarkable for his great Humility : The *Benedictines* lay Claim to him as a Monk of their Order (*a*). He was succeeded by the famous

DUNSTAN, Abbot of *Glastonbury*, to which he had been preferred by King *Edmund*, *A. D.* 942. He was much in his Favour, as also in Favour with *Edred* his Successor, in whose Reigns he was instrumental in turning out the *Secular* Priests, and putting Monks in their Places ; but *Edwei* succeeding the *Seculars* were re-placed, and *Dunstan* banished the Realm. The Monks tell us, that the Cause of *Dunstan's* Disgrace was his boldly reproving *Edwei* for his Whoredoms : But the true Cause was, that the King perceiving all the Wealth of the Land to be crept into Monasteries, which might have been better employed in fighting the *Danes*, he recalled the Gifts his Predecessor had made ; and when the Monks refused to surrender, he became their Enemy, and persecuted both them, and *Dunstan* their Patron (*b*). Upon this Account they gave him as vile a Character as Malice could invent ; that he was (*c*) a Lover of Pleasures more than a Lover of God, of Luxury, more than of Sobriety ; of Lust, than Chastity ; debasing by his Deeds of Obscenity the Royal Dignity, and unjustly persecuting virtuous Men, whom he little esteemed. But *Huntingdon* gives him no such Character, and says the Country flourished under his Government ; and seems to lament his Death (*d*). His Gift of *Fepington*, and five Salt Furnaces to this Church, shews that he was no irreligious Person. Upon his Death *Edgar* succeeded, and soon recalling *Dunstan*, he made him first Bishop of this See, and the next Year of *London*, and after that Archbishop of *Canterbury*. That he

(*a*) *Acta Ben. Seculi* 5. p. 236. (*b*) *Godwin's Catalogue of the Bishops of England*, Ed. Lond. 1601, p. 21. (*c*) *Voluptatum amator magis quam Dei, luxurie quam sobrietatis, libidinum quam castitatis, regiam dignitatem obicinis operibus dehonestabat, ac viros virtutum parvi pendens contra æquum exasperabat.* *Ang. Sac. P. II.* p. 192. (*d*) *Non illaudabiliter regni infalam tenuit. Anno regni sui quinto, cum in principio regnum ejus decentissime floreret, prospera & letabunda exordia mors immatura perripit.* *Hunt. hist. l. 5.* p. 204. Ed. Sav.

held *London* and *Worcester* together is certain; tho' *Thoyras* in his *History of England*, Vol. I. p. 396, says, That he was only *intrusted with the Management of the Bishoprick of London*; and that this led some Writers into the *Mistake* of imagining he was Bishop of *Worcester* and *London* at the same Time: For *Malmesbury* calls him Bishop of *London* (a). And *Eadmer*, in his *Life of Dunstan* says, that he was compelled to hold both the Sees, *summa necessitate*, by absolute Necessity (b). And *Mabillon* gives us the same Reason for his transgressing the Canons in this Case (c). *Quod præter scita Canonum de Sede in Sedem translatus, quod simul Wigornensem & Londinensem, Cathedram occupavit, id non viri optimi cupiditati aut ambitioni, sed eximia ejus Sanctitati, Regum urgentissima voluntati, atque adeo Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ necessitati tribuendum est, factumque repugnante semper Dunstano.* That contrary to the Canons he was translated from See to See; that he held the Bishoprick of *Worcester* and *London* together, was not to be attributed to the Covetousness and Ambition of that good Man, but to the Greatness of his Sanctity, the urgent Desire of Kings, and to the Necessity of the Church of *England*, *Dunstan* submitting to it always against his Will. He held them not long together, for in the Year 959 he was made Archbishop of *Canterbury*. And A. D. 960 succeeded

OSWALD, to whom the Monks have given a very great Character, that he was a religious, meek, and humble Person, early Educated in the Fear of God, and brought up in holy and good Works (d); that he was of Shape handsome, as well as of blood noble (e), nearly allied to *Oskitel*, Archbishop of *York*, but nearer to *Odo*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, being his Brother's Son (f) This Uncle of his descended from wealthy *Danes*, put him to School to one *Frith-*

(a) Lib. 2. de gestis Pontificum, p. 134.

(b) Angl. Sac. Vol. II. p. 213.

(c) Ma-

billon Acta Ben. Seculi 5. p. 655.

(d) Flor. Wig.

(e) Acta Ben. Seculi 5, p. 728.

(f) W. Malmesb. de gestis Pont. cap. 3. p. 153.

god, a Master, for divine and fecular Learning most famous; who, at the Command of that Archbishop, had wrote in heroick Verſe the Life of St. *Wilfrid* (a). Fully inſtructed in the holy Scriptures, as well as in other Sciences, he was made firſt Canon of *Wincheſter*, and afterwards Dean: But perceiving that the Monks begun to be the only Clergy in Eſteem, with the Advice of his Uncle he left *Wincheſter*, then conſiſting of *Secular* Priests, and went to *Fleury*, a famous Monastery, of the Order of St. *Benedict*, ſituated on the *Loyre*, nine Leagues from *Orleans* to the Eaſt. *Odo* ſent along with him recommendatory Letters, and many Gifts: and here he became a Monk (b). During his Stay in this Monastery, which was about ſix Years, he was ordained both Deacon and Prieſt (c), and was ſo much in love with the Place, that tho' his Uncle frequently wrote to him, and importuned him to return Home, he could not prevail, till he ſent him Word of his laſt Sickneſs. *Oſwald* then deſirous to have ſeen him once more, made Haſte into *England*, but he came too late, for landing at *Dover* he heard he was dead. Upon which he would have returned to *Fleury*, but was perſuaded by his Companions to go ſee his other Relations; and coming to *Oskitel* he was very kindly received, and remained with him at *Worck*, till, by the Means of St. *Dunſtan*, from a Monk of *Fleury* he was made Biſhop of *Worceſter* (d). As ſoon as preferred to this See he joined heartily with *Dunſtan* and *Ethelwold*, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, in bringing in the Monks, diſturb- ing, rather than reforming the Church of God. To this End he begun with impoveriſhing the Seculars of this See, by giving away, or leaſing out for Lives the Lands of the Church. In the Year 962 he leaſed out twenty Hides. In 963 he leaſed out twelve Hides more, and in 969 no leſs than forty, and moſt of them for three Lives. This was the Year, when in

(a) Lel. de Script. Brit. c. 134.
p. 195.

(b) Alf. An. ſub anno 960.

(c) Ang. Sac. Tom. II.

(d) Ex Monacho Floriacenſi Wigornie Episcopas. W. Malm. de geſt. Reg. I. c.

p. 31.

a General Council, held under *Dunstan*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, it was decreed, That the Seculars for their Concubinage and lascivious Lives should be turned out, and the sober and chaste Monks should be put in their Places. And accordingly *Oswald* is said this Year to have ejected all the Clerks out of seven Monasteries, that were in his Diocese, and to have put Monks in their room (*a*). What he might do in other Places, I cannot say, but he could not do this at *Worcester*, for the Seculars still kept their Places here, and were Witnesses to all the Deeds he made, till the Year 974, when he gave to *Britlaff* for his Life, and the Lives of *Byrthwine* and *Byrhtmare*, one Manse at *Eunry*, to which Deed *Wynfge*, Dean, with all the Monks, subscribed (*b*). The next Year his great Patron King *Edgar* died, and *Edwarda* succeeded, during whose Reign, to seven of his Deeds, no Monks subscribed at all, but Presbyters, Deacons, and Clerks, as usual, and but to one in 978; and then ten Monks to seventeen Clerks: and afterwards they subscribed as Witnesses with the other Clergy, but to eleven of one and thirty Deeds more: and never above two, and sometimes but one at a time: So that he was not able to compass his End. What he did was by Craft, by building a New Church at the Monastery of *St. Mary*, and officiating there, and not at his own Church of *St. Peter's*. By which Means he drew many to him and to the Monks, who thought it a Crime to be without the Blessing of so holy a Man; and so *St. Mary's*, by Degrees, became the Cathedral Church (*c*).

To make good what has been said, I have here subjoined an Account of the Lands he gave away, most of them for three Lives, as I found them in *Hemming's Chartulary* in several Places, but here digested in a regular Order, according to their Dates of the Year.

(*a*) Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 479. DCCCLXIX. Oswaldus Wigorn. Episcopus Monachos primo Wigorniae constituit. Annales Wig. (*b*) þis þas geon on þin 18es geþenne de-
canus 7. alpa þa þa munca et þroþunaceasþe. Hem. Chart p. 155. (*c*) W. Malmesb.
de gestis Pont. l. 3. p. 154. Angl. Sac. Tom. II. p. 202.

In 962, With Leave of King *Edgar* and of *Ælfere*, Duke of *Mercia*, and of his Family (*a*), at *Worcester*, he gave to *Ethelm*, for his Life, and the Lives of *Ælfstane* and *Wulfrice*, three Hides at *Ethelmodes Tree*, and after their Decease to return to the Bishoprick. To this Deed subscribed as Witnesses two Priests, one Deacon, and four Clerks.

To his Servant *Eadmar* two Manfes, at *Bentley*, with four Fats for boiling of Salt at *Upwic*, and Wood sufficient out of *Bradley* Wood, to do the same, paying yearly two Bushel of clean Grain. Witnesses, two Priests, one Deacon, and eleven Clerks (*b*).

To his Servant *Cynelm*, six Manfes at *Upton*. Witnesses, two Priests, one Deacon, and fourteen Clerks (*c*).

To *Alfwold*, a Servant of the King's, three Cassats at *Tungle* (*d*).

To *Ealferth*, one of his Levites, one Manse at *Cumtune*. Witnesses, two Priests, two Deacons, and fourteen Clerks (*e*).

To his Brother *Osulf* four Manfes at *Grimley*, one at *Moseley*, and half a Hide at *Uir*. Witnesses, four Priests, and fourteen Clerks (*f*).

In 963, to his Servant *Æthelnode* one Manse at *Bertford*. Witnesses, two Priests, one Deacon, and ten Clerks (*g*).

To his Servant *Ælfrie* one Manse at *Cotheridge*, for his Life, and the Life of his Son *Æthelfige*, and to whomsoever his Son *Æthelfige* should leave it; on Condition that they should plow every Year two Acres of Land, and sow thereon his Church Seed, reap it, and bring it home. He also gave him yearly twelve Fother, or Wain Load of Wood *Gratis*, out of his Woods there. Witnesses, two Priests, one Deacon, and eleven Clerks, and *Æthelstan* Cincpap, Keeper of the Church (*h*).

(a) *pæy heopedeay æt peogeþnaceaype*, cum licentia familie quæ sita est in - - Hem. Chart. p. 125, 126. (b) Ibid. p. 144. (c) Ibid. p. 145. (d) Ibid. p. 215. (e) Ibid. p. 239. (f) Ibid. p. 147. (g) Ibid. p. 130. (h) Ibid. p. 133.

To *Cynthege* two Manfes at *Odingley*, and half a one at *Lawern*.
Witnesses, two Priests, one Deacon, and twelve Clerks (*a*).

To his Servant *Eadmer* one Manse, at *Redmarley*. Witnesses,
three Priests, and eleven Clerks, (*b*).

To his Servant *Ethelstan* three Hides at *Thorndon*. Witnesses,
three Priests, and eleven Clerks, (*c*).

To *Wulfrie* four Manfes, at *Tevesley* and *Æpsey*. Witnesses,
three Priests, two Deacons, and eleven Clerks, (*d*).

In 965, to *Ethelstan*, four Manfes at *Sutham*, and two at *Mur-
tun*. Witnesses, three Priests, three Deacons, and seven Clerks (*e*).

In 966, to *Alfild*, three Hides at *Hindely*. Witnesses, three
Priests, and nine Clerks, (*f*).

To his Servant *Wihelm* two Manfes, at *Clifford* near *Stretford*
upon *avon*. Witnesses, four Priests, and eight Deacons (*g*).

In 967, to his Servant *Ethelward* one Manse at *Ilington*. Wit-
nesses, three Priests, fourteen Clerks (*h*). And to *Wulfare*, another
of his Servants, two Manfes more there. Witnesses, four Priests,
and thirteen Clerks (*i*).

To his Servant *Hestan* two Manfes at *Penedor*, and one at
Dydincote. Witnesses, four Priests, and eight Clerks, (*k*).

In 969, to his Servant *Eadmer* six Cassats at *Store*. Witnesses,
four Priests, and eleven Clerks, (*l*).

To his Servant *Ethelward* two Manfes, at *Bishop Stoke*. Wit-
nesses, four Priests, and seven Clerks, (*m*).

To his Servant *Edric* four Manfes, at *Sapertun*. Witnesses,
five Priests, one Deacon, and fourteen Clerks (*n*).

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 160. (*b*) Ibid. p. 179. (*c*) Ibid. p. 189. (*d*) Ibid. p. 216.
(*e*) Ibid. p. 232. (*f*) Ibid. p. 170. (*g*) Ibid. p. 200. (*h*) Ibid. p. 127.
(*i*) Ibid. p. 128. (*k*) Ibid. p. 183. (*l*) Ibid. p. 233. (*m*) Ibid. p. 123. (*n*) Ibid.
p. 132.

To *Wulfgar* Clerk one Manse, at *Batenhale*. Witnesses, seven Priests, one Deacon, and twelve Clerks, (a).

To his Servant *Eadmer* four Manses, at *Witney*. Witnesses, three Priests, and fourteen Clerks, (b).

To his faithful Servant *Ælfweard* one Manse, at *Theofrean Hill*. Witnesses, four Priests and fifteen Clerks (c).

To his Servant *Brithmar* one Manse, at *Whitlanline*. Witnesses, five Priests, one Deacon, and twelve Clerks (d).

To *Osulf*, three Hides at *Tettington* and *Ælfagetun*. Witnesses, four Priests, and fourteen Clerks (e).

To *Cynelm*, for his faithful Service, five Hides at *Crombe*. Witnesses, five Priests, and twelve Clerks (f).

To his faithful *Æthelard* seven Manses, at *Tidington* and *Faranley*. Witnesses, four Priests, and fourteen Clerks (g).

To *Byrnnric*, for his faithful Service, four Manses and an half at *Longdon* (h).

To *Ealhstan*, for his faithful Service, eight Manses at *Evinlode*. Witnesses, four Priests and fifteen Clerks (i).

In 972, upon the Death of his Kinsman *Oskitell*, the See of *York* being void, he was translated thither, as a fit Person to preside over a rude and unpolish'd People. Nor was he permitted to leave the See of *Worcester*, lest the fresh Institution of the Monks, which he had placed here in the Year 969, should come to nothing, when deprived of so great a Patron (k). And in this Year of his Translation to *York*, we find no Deed.

In 973, Archbishop *Oswald*, then at *London*, gave to *Byrhtic* five Manses, at *Byrhtanwell*, for his Life, and to one more to whom he

(a) Hem. Chart p. 136.

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(e) Ibid. p. 177.

(f) Ibid. p. 213.

(b) Ibid. p. 159.

(c) Ibid. p. 181.

(d) Will. Malinesb. p. 153.

(g) Ibid. p. 162.

(h) Ibid. p. 202.

(i) Ibid. p.

(j) Ibid. p. 209.

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should leave it at his Death. Attested by the King and *Dunstan*, Archbishop, and *Ælfhere* Duke, and many others, both Bishops and Nobles (*a*).

In 974, to *Britlaf*, one Manse at *ƿudley*. To this Deed subscribed *Winſge*, Dean, and all the Monks (*b*). The *Worcester Annals* say this *Winſge* or *Winſin*, was first Priest of *St. Hellen*, and upon his turning Monk was sent by *Oſwald* to *Ramsſey*, there to be instructed in the Rule of *St. Benedict*, from whence he sent for him, and made him the first Prior here, in lieu of a Dean, which Title was also given to the Priors in succeeding Ages (*c*).

In 975 or 976, with Leave of King *Edward*, he gave to *Wulfger*, a Priest, one Hide at *Witſey* for three Lives. Witnesses, eight Presbyters, five Deacons, and eleven Clerks (*d*).

To *Wulfgeat* one Hide at *Wymeltun*. Witnesses, seven Priests, four Deacons, and twelve Clerks (*e*). {

To *Wulfbeah* a Priest, one Yard Land, at *Genen Ofre*. Witnesses, seven Priests, five Deacons, and thirteen Clerks (*f*).

In 977, to *Ethelwold*, two Hides at *Wulfrington*, except sixty Acres which he reserved to himself. Witnesses, seven Priests, five Deacons, and thirteen Clerks (*g*).

To *Wulfeah* five Manſes at *ƿutsden*. Witnesses, eight Priests, five Deacons, and eleven Clerks (*h*).

To *Winſge*, his Brother Monk, three Manſes at *Wassebozn*. Witnesses, eight Priests, five Deacons, and fourteen Clerks (*i*).

To *Æthelstan*, for his faithful Service, one Manſe at *Inkbarow*. Witnesses, eight Priests, five Deacons, and eleven Clerks (*k*).

To *Cynulf*, one Manſe at *Caſton*. To this subscribed ten Monks, one Deacon, and fifteen Clerks (*l*).

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 207. (*b*) Ibid. p. 155. (*c*) Flor. Wig. Angl. Sac. Tom. II. p. 203.
 (*d*) Ibid. p. 138. (*e*) Ibid. p. 151. (*f*) Ibid. p. 141. (*g*) Ibid. p. 163.
 (*h*) Ibid. p. 167. (*i*) Ibid. p. 175. (*k*) Ibid. p. 185. (*l*) Ibid. p. 196.

To his faithful Servant *Eadric*, three Manfes at *Tidington*. Witnesses, eight Priests, four Deacons, and seven Clerks (*a*).

In 978, to *Æthelnoth* one Manse at *Smite*. Witnesses, eight Priests, five Deacons, and twelve Clerks (*b*).

To *Ælfnoth* two Manfes, at *Blackwell*, in *Tredington* Parishi. Witnesses, eight Priests, five Deacons, and thirteen Clerks (*c*).

To *Æthelmund* one Manse, at *Ridmarley*. Witnesses, eight Priests, five Deacons, and twelve Clerks (*d*).

In 979, to *Æthelstan*, his own Brother, three Manfes at *Dregilesford*, for his own Life, and the Lives of any two more he should name at his Death. Witnesses, eight Priests, six Deacons, and ten Clerks (*e*).

In 980, to *Wulfgar*, his Clerk, five Manfes at *Waresley*. Witnesses, nine Priests, five Deacons, and eleven Clerks (*f*).

To a Soldier named *Ælweard*, some Land at *Bengworth*. Witnesses, five Priests, five Deacons, and nine Clerks (*g*).

In 981, to his faithful Soldier *Æthelstan*, three Cassats at *Wærgleswyrthe*. Witnesses, seven Priests, six Deacons, and ten Clerks (*h*).

In 982, to *Wulfhelm*, his faithful Artificer, one Manse at *Cumpton*. Witnesses, *Winsinus primus*, and five other Priests, four Deacons, and seven Clerks (*i*).

In 983, to his Kinsman *Gardulf* five Manfes at *Leuc*, the same Year he finished his Church of the Monastery, to the Honour of *Mary*, the Mother of God. Witnesses, five Priests, four Deacons, and ten Clerks (*k*).

In 984, to *Æthelweard*, his Servant, three Hides at *Bishops Stoke*, in *Gloucestershire*. Witnesses, eight Priests, four Deacons, six Clerks, and one Monk (*l*).

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 204. (*b*) Ibid. p. 150. (*c*) Ibid. p. 193. (*d*) Ibid. p. 176.
 (*e*) Ibid. p. 211. (*f*) Ibid. p. 143. (*g*) Ibid. p. 210. (*h*) Ibid. p. 235. (*i*) Ibid.
 p. 238. (*k*) Ibid. p. 187, 188. (*l*) Ibid. p. 121.

To his Kinsman *Eadwig*, and his Wife *Wulgyr*, three Manfes at *Wulfrington*, for their Lives, and to leave it to their Issue, if they had any, if not, the Survivor to leave it to two any other Persons for their Lives, whom they should think fit. Witnesses, seven Priests, four Deacons, and eight Clerks (*a*). The Beginning of it runs thus; *Ego Oswaldus divina largiente clementia Eboracensis ecclesiæ Archiepiscopus, non minus Episcopalem adeptus sedem, quæ est in piozona Monasterio in regione Merciorum.*

To a certain Matron named *Wulflæd*, for her Life only four Manfes, at *Inkbarrow*. Witnesses, eight Priests, four Deacons, six Clerks, and *Leofwine* a Monk (*b*).

In 985, to *Wulfgar*, Clerk, one Manse at *Cloptun* near *Teme*. Witnesses, seven Priests, four Deacons, and five Clerks, *Æthelan* and *Leofwine*, Monks (*c*).

To *Godinge*, a Priest, three Hides at *Bredicot*, and one Yard, Land, at *Benenosre*, and seven Acres of Meadow at *Tiberton*. Witnesses, six Priests, three Deacons, and seven Clerks (*d*). They were given him upon this Condition, That he should be the *Amanuens* of the See, and write all Things that should be necessary to be inserted in their Registers: he wrote many Books for them, and enjoyed this Village as long as he lived, and his Kindred after him, till the *French* came and took it away (*e*).

To his familiar Friend *Leofwine* half a Manse, on the North Side of the Village of *Hertilbury*. Witnesses, eight Priests, four Deacons, and seven Clerks (*f*).

To his faithful Servant *Edric*, five Manfes at *Tidintun*. Witnesses, eight Priests, four Deacons, and seven Clerks (*g*).

In 987, to *Æthelmund*, a noble Peer, five Manfes at *Codestune* for his Life, and the Life of his Heir, and after that to the Monastery

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 153.
(*e*) Ibid. p. 265, 266.

(*b*) Ibid. p. 186.
(*f*) Ibid. p. 172.

(*c*) Ibid. p. 135.
(*g*) Ibid. p. 203.

(*d*) Ibid. p. 139.
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of St. Mary, for the Life of any one Monk therein residing. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and five Clerks; *Oswi* and *Leofwine*, Monks (a).

To *Leofward* five Manfes, at *Goldora*, upon Condition of paying his Church Seed or Church Scot, to *Pyrgtun*, and of plowing and mowing a Field there. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and seven Clerks (b).

In 988, to *Æthelward* one Manse and an half at *Uptun*. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and five Clerks; *Oswig* and *Leofwine*, Monks (c).

To his Nephew *Ælfwin* two Manfes, at *Bradaneorge*, and a *Holenfellen*, for three Lives, and then to return to the Bishop of Worcester; for that the Clerks of the said City had received, in lieu thereof, three Manfes at *Sperklep*. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and six Clerks; *Oswi* and *Leofwine*, Monks (d).

To his Servant *Æthelward* three Manfes, at *Clifford*. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and six Clerks, *Oswig* and *Leofwine*, Monks (e).

To his Servant *Eadric* three Manfes, and one half at *Cloptun*, and six Acres of Meadow over against *Alveston* Mill. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and six Clerks, *Oswig* and *Leofwine*, Monks (f).

In 989, to his faithful Kinsman *Gardulf* four Manfes, at *Whitintun*. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and five Clerks, *Leofwine* and *Oswig*, Monks (g).

To his Servant *Edwi* one Manse, at *Cumpton*, Gloucestershire. Witnesses, six Priests, one Deacon, and seven Clerks, *Oswig* and *Leofwine*, Monks (h).

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 165. (b) Ibid. p. 207. (c) Ibid. p. 124. He thus subscribed it. *Ego Oswaldus, Archipresul signaculum Deifce Crucis propriis digitalis impressi atq; corroboravi*, ibid. p. 125. (d) Ibid. p. 173. (e) Ibid. p. 197. (f) Ibid. p. 199. (g) Ibid. p. 156. (h) Ibid. p. 236.

In 990, to *Aethelmar* for his Dutiful Service, and for his worthy Fee, that is to say, two Pounds of pure white Silver, thirty Ewes and Lambs, three Oxen, two Cows, and one Horse; one Hide at *Cumpton*, and half the Wood thereto belonging, and another Hide at *Merse*. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and five Clerks; *Leofwine*, Monk (*a*).

To *Beornage* and *Byrhtstan*, Brothers, two Hides at *Morton* near *Bredon*. Witnesses, six Priests, four Deacons, and five Clerks; *Leofwine*, Monk (*b*).

In 991, to his faithful Man *Aelsian* one Manse, at *Ichington* Com. *Worcester*. Witnesses, six Priests, three Deacons, and six Clerks. He was the Father of St. *Wolstan* Bishop of *Worcester* in *William* the Conqueror's Time (*c*).

To *Aethelmar*, his familiar Artificer, two Manses, at *Astun*. Witnesses, six Priests, three Deacons, and six Clerks; *Leofwine*, Monk (*d*).

To his true *Thain* *Eadric* three Hides, at *Tatlington*, and *Newbold* in *Tredington* Parish. Witnesses, six Priests, three Deacons, and one Clerk (*e*).

The number of Hides which he thus gave away to his Friends and Followers amounts to 190; whereas the whole Hundred of *Oswaldflowe*, given him by King *Edgar*, with great Privileges, and called by his own Name, contained but 300. So that this must be looked upon by all impartial Persons as a wilful impoverishing of the Seculars, and a robbing of his Successors to a high Degree; and this he did with express Leave from King *Edgar*, *Dunstan* and *Ethelwold*, and Earl *Britbnoth*, the great Patrons of the Monks joining with *Oswald* in persuading the King

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 129.
126.

(*d*) Ibid. p. 131.

(*b*) Ibid. p. 180.--- Hicks's Gram. p. 140.

(*e*) Ibid. p. 195.

(*c*) Ibid. p.

to consent thereto. (a). In the Year 972 when he was promoted to the See of ~~York~~, he held this of ~~Worcester~~ in *Commendam* with it, following the Example of *Dunstan*, his Brother Monk, who when promoted to *London*, did the same. And this Example was afterwards followed by *Oswald's* Successors, *Aldulph* and *Wolstan*; and the two Sees of ~~York~~ and ~~Worcester~~ were not separated till the Year 1023. These his Successors, to palliate theirs and his Covetousness, pretending that he held the two Sees together by a Bull from Pope *Formosus*, which he sent him with his Pall; a miserable Falshood for that Pope died 896, above Seventy Years before *Oswald* was made Archbishop of ~~York~~, (b).

Under this Year *Alford* relates from *Capgrave*, That visiting his Diocese he came to *Ripum*, where lay the blessed *Wilfrid*, buried in a Monastery then in Ruins, and over-run with Thorns. One Night praying here, it was made known to him by Divine Revelation, that many Bodies of Saints lay there buried. As soon as Morning came he caused the Rubbish to be removed, and the Place dug, where he found the Bodies of some of them, and on a Table this Inscription;

*Here rests St. WILFRID, Primate of York; and the Reverend Abbots
TILBERT, BOTWIN, ALBERT, SIGRED, and WILDEN;*

Several of which Relicts he sent here to *Worcester*, (c). *Eadmer* says, when he was made Archbishop, he went to *Rome* for his Pall, and received it of Pope *John*, who died this Year in the Month of *September* (d). *Alford* places it in the next Year, and says, he had it from *Benedict* (e); but it is doubtful whether he went to *Rome* or not. And *Florence* mentions nothing of his going, but says he had his Pall from Pope *John*; all agree that he had it not from Pope *Stephen*. As soon as he was enthroned in this See, he called to him fe-

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 292.

p. 131

(c) Alf. An. Tom. III. p. 370.

Wig. Alf. An. sub anno. 973.

(b) Wharton's Ang. Sac. Tom. I. p. 472. Mon. Ang. Tom. III.

(d) Angl. Sac. p. 2. fol. 203.

(e) Flor.

veral learned Men from Abroad (*a*). Of these, *German* was one, whom in 973 he placed over the Monastery at *Westbury* in *Gloucestershire*, and under him *Ednoth*, to take care of their temporal Affairs, and with these ten Monks, the whole Number representing the twelve Disciples of our Lord (*b*). From thence, in a little time, he removed him and *Ednoth* to *Ramsay*, and sent over for *Abo* of *Fleury* to instruct the Monks there. And upon his being settled there, he again removed *German* to *Winchcomb*, to reform that Monastery. About the same Time he placed *Fulbert*, another learned Man at *Perthore*, to take care of that Abbey. *Ednoth* was left behind at *Ramsay*, where he was afterwards Prior, and at last Bishop of *Dorchester* (*c*). *Ramsay* Monastery was founded by Earl *Aylwin*, and the Church begun to be built there about the Year 968 (*d*), and, when finished, *St. German* went from *Westbury* to it, and became its Prior, when it was consecrated by *Oswald*, and *Ælfnob* Bishop of *Dorchester*, 6 Ides of *Nov.* 974. The first Church being built on a miry Soil, the Foundation sunk, and the Walls and Towers parted the one from the other, upon which they were necessitated to take it down and rebuild it. And this last was consecrated by *Oswald* and Bishop *Æschwin*, or *Æschrey*, 991 (*e*). This seems to be the truest Account, about which our Historians have much differ'd.

Oswald's reforming of his Monasteries in this Diocese, was certainly done between the Years 969 and 975; for this Year his great Patron King *Edgar* died, and a Stop was put to all his Projects. For, notwithstanding all his Care for his beloved Monks, after the King's Death, they were turned out in several Places. *Ælphere*, Duke of *Mercia*, with many of his Nobles, deprived them of all the Benefices they were in Possession of in this Province, and brought in

(*a*) Malmesb. de gest. Pont. lib. 3. p. 153, 154. (*b*) Hist. Ram. c. 16. Ed. Gale, p. 394. An. Wig. (*c*) An. Wig. Ang. Sac. Tom. II. p. 198, 199, 200. Hist. Ram. c. 21. (*d*) Alf. An. sub anno. (*e*) Acta Ben. Seculi 5, p. 757.

again the Seculars. *Hoveden* and *Florence* say that they did this, being blinded with great Bribes, dividing the Manors of the Monasteries among themselves (a). *Huntingdon* calls Ælfere upon this Account Consul *nequissimus*, the most wicked Earl, and says this Crime brought in the *Danes* (b). *Malmesbury* tells us, he repented of it afterwards, but in vain, for God's Vengeance overtook him, and within an Year he was eaten up with Lice (c). At this Time, says *Ingulphus*, the Monks were turned out of the Abbey of *Evesham*, and the Seculars brought in there again; and so they were out of *Winchelcomb*, and *German* their Abbot retired to *Fleury* (d). Nor could *Oswald* help it, for during the rest of the Time that he fate in this See they kept their Ground, and were Witnesses to all the Deeds he made. He survived *Edgar* seventeen Years, and saw his Country miserably harassed by the *Danes*, barbarous Enemies to all Religion and Learning. He died on the second of the Calends of *March* 992, Indiēt. 5, which Year was *Bissextile*, and *February* had 29 Days, the last of which was the last of *Oswald's* Life; it was the third Week in *Lent*, *feria secunda*, when the Antiphone sung at Mass was *Oculi mei semper ad Dominum* (e). He was the seventeenth Bishop of *Worcester*, and fate in this See near 33 Years, and in that of *York* above Twenty-two, says *Godwin*: But in that he is mistaken, for his Promotion to *York* is placed by *Florence*, and the *Worcester* Annals, in 972. Many Years he was thought sufficient for both the Sees, but most of his Time he spent here at *Worcester*. He outlived *Dunstan* five Years, and *Ethelwold* ten, who were the two great Strugglers with him in turning out the Seculars. He was so much admired, that he alone was held equal to the other two, to match the one in Authority, and the other in Efficacy, and both in Holiness. The

(a) Magnis obœcati muneribus. Ang. Script. post Bed. Ed. Savil. p. 245, 506.
p. 294. (c) Ibid. p. 34. (d) Hist. Ram. cap. 39. p. 412. Ed. Gale.
Ben. Seculi 5. p. 737. Hist. Ram. cap. 60, 61.

(b) Ibid.
(e) Acta

Day before he died, standing at his Door, he for some time stedfastly fixed his Eyes on Heaven, and shed Tears for Joy. Those that were present asking him the Reason of this; he said, *Suffer me my Brethren to look up to that Place where I intend to go, for I must shortly put off this Body, and the Time of my Dissolution draweth near.* At which they wondered, there being no Sign of Sickneſs, and he having taken more than ordinary Care of himself. Coming into the Oratory he called together the Brethren, and received from them holy Uñction, and the Sacrament. Being thus prepared, the next Day having, according to his Cuſtom, waſhed the Feet of certain poor People, as he kneel'd down to ſay the Hymn *Gloria Patri*, he gave up the Ghoſt, and was buried in the Church of *St. Mary (a)*, which *Florence* ſaith he built from the Foundation. It is ſaid of him that he wrought many Miracles in his Life-time and after his Death. Whilſt he was a Monk at *Fleury*, one Day ſaying Maſs, his Attendant ſaw a Man of a reverend Countenance, holding in his Hands liſted up, a white, ſmall Piece of Bread, at which he was ſadly frighten'd, and when the Bread, in the Proceſs of the Solemnity ſeemed to grow bigger and bigger; he fled out at the Door, and left *Oſwald* alone; but now and then peeping in he ſaw an Angel, anſwering and miniſtring unto him. When Maſs was over, and the Angel gone, he came running to him, told him the Reason why he left him, and asked him if he ſaw the Angel that miniſtered unto him; to which he anſwer'd, That he had ſeen him, and heard him; and ſaid, *Bleſſed be the Name of the Lord, who left me not alone in the Performance of ſo Sacred a Myſtery, tho' by you deſerted (b).*

When he was at *Ramſey*, it was told him that a certain Monk of *Ely* was killed by a Fall from the Church on which they were working, at which he was much troubled, knowing he had not led ſo good

(a) Will. Malmesb. de geſtis Pont. lib. 3. p. 153, 154.

(b) Acta Ben. Seculi 5, p. 733.

a Life as he ought to have done. Calling therefore together all the Monks, he exhorted them to join with him in earnest Prayer for his Soul, which they continued to do daily for some time, till one Night the Deceased appeared to the Bishop, as he was praying for him; and being asked by him who he was, he answered, That he was the same Person that he prayed for. He then asked him how it had been with him, and how it was now; hitherto, says he, very ill, but now very well; for by *Your Merits*, and *Your Prayers*, God sent his Angel Yesterday, and delivered me out of the Torments I endured. This I am come to tell you of, and to return you Thanks; which said, he vanished (a).

When he was building his Monastery, a Square Stone lay not far from it, very fit and necessary to be used in it, which all the Artificers could not stir out of its Place. *Oswald* Seeing the fruitless Pains they took, wondered; but silently praying to God, his Eyes were opened, and he saw sitting on the Stone a little black Devil, deriding the Labourers with obscene Gestures; upon which the Man of God making the Sign of the Cross, drove him away; and the Stone, which eighty Men could not move before, was by three Persons easily lifted up, and put in the Place designed for it (b).

A great Man, ill of a Fever, sent him Word of it, who blessing Bread, gave it to the Messenger, and bid him tell his Master to eat thereof in Faith, which he did, and was restored to his former Health. As he sat at Table, and blessed Bread, and distributed to those that sat with him, a few Crumbs fell on the Floor, on which a Mouse greedily feeding, was immediately choaked, and died. And lest they should ascribe it to his Praise, he commanded the dead Animal to be thrown out of their Sight (c).

(a) Eadm. vit. Oswaldi, Ang. Sac. p. 2. Aeta Ben. Seculi 5, p. 731.
Oswaldi, Ang. Sac. Tom. II. p. 202.

(c) Aeta Ben. Seculi 5.

(b) Eadm. vit.

At another time a Monk, after bathing, fate down in a Place where the Bishop usually fate, and fell asleep, and behold many ugly Devils furrounded him, and asked him if he was not ashamed to rest in the Place of so Holy a Person: They assaulted him, tormented him, tore him, dragged him up and down, tossed him up in the Air, and then threw him down again; till at length crying out with a horrid and loud Voice, he declared to all what had happened to him (a).

FULHBERT, Abbot of *Pershore*, as he lay upon the Bier raised himself up, and declared that he had been carried before God by Saint *Benedict*, and that there God had forgiven him his Sins, for the Merits of his beloved *Oswald*; and to the End he might declare the same, he was then restored to Life. Having said this, he held his Peace; and having received the *Viaticum* of our Lord's Body, he remained alive half a Day, and then died (b).

As he himself was carried into the Church, to lye exposed there, *Eadmere* says, a white Dove hovered over his Body, and a Globe of Fire descended on the Bier, and here and there about the Church were heard divine Praises, and heavenly Musick; the white Dove denoting his Simplicity and Innocence, and the Globe of Fire his fervent Love of God and his Neighbour (c).

After his Death many Miracles were wrought at his Tomb; the Water with which they washed his Bones gave Sight to the Blind, made the Deaf to hear, the Lame to walk, and healed all Manner of Infirmities. Amongst others are these related. A Monk of *Ramsay*, that had a cancerous Ulcer in one of his Cheeks, drinking on the Feast of St. *Oswald*, in a Cup which the Saint used to drink out of: Having drank what was therein, he with great Faith and

(a) Acta Ben. Seculi 5, p. 733.
P. II. p. 209.

(b) Osbern & Alf. sub anno 969.

(c) Angl. Sac.

Devotion clapped the empty Cup to his Cheek, and held it for a little while close thereto, when taking it away, all the Corruption of the Place stuck to it, and his Cheek was made perfectly whole, so that you could not discern where it had been amiss, only in Testimony of so great a Miracle, and of the Power of God, that Cheek was always a little ruddier than the other (*b*).

One dumb from his Infancy, on a certain Feast Day of St. *Oswald's*, saw coming from the Bishop's Tomb towards him, a certain reverend Man, unknown to him, with grey Hairs, cloathed with a priestly Garment, and with a Staff in his Hand. As he passed by he bowed to him, when with his Staff he struck him on his Neck, and disappeared; with the Blow he fell to the Ground, and a coagulated Mass of Blood coming out of his Mouth, he cried out help, help, cast me out presently, lest the Church of God be polluted with my Blood, and when carried forth he voided a great deal, and was cured, and informed the By-standers how it had been wrought (*c*).

When the City of *Worcester* was on Fire, as soon as it came to his Tomb, it immediately abated, and went out. At another Time, when it was again on fire, as the Monks carried his Coffin into the City, there came one running to them who had lately built him a fine new House, and cried out, *O holy Father, and Pastor Oswald, if thou wilt rescue my House from the present Danger of the Flames, I will give it to thee, as thy Right for ever*; on which they carried his Corps in, and tho' the next House was intirely consumed, yet this was not in the least damaged.

When a great Pestilence raged here and in the County, which destroyed young and old, the Monks no sooner carried his Corps round the Walls, singing Litanies, and imploring Mercy, but the Plague

(*a*) *Acta Ben. Seculi* 5, p. 728.

(*b*) *Ibid.*

(*c*) *Ibid.*

immediately left *Worcester*, together with the adjacent Villages, from whence many had come to implore Help from this Saint (*a*).

After ten Years, many Miracles having been wrought at his Tomb, his Body was taken up and found reduced to Powder, but his Episcopal Garment, in which he was wrapped, was as fresh as when new made, and continued so, says *Malmesbury*, to his Time, who lived in the twelfth Century (*b*), and after to the Time of *Stubbs*, when it was to be seen at the Church of *Beverley* (*c*). As for *Oswald*, he was a great Patron of learned Men, as well as of the Monks, and a great Benefactor to those at *Fleury*, for which Reason they have given him the Name of *Saint*.

ALDULPH OR ADULF, or EALDULPH, (*d*), or EADULF (*e*) Abbot of *Peterburgh*, a Holy and Reverend Man, succeeded to both his Sees. In his Time the *Danes* continued their Ravages, and in 994 they had 16000 Pounds given them to be quiet (*f*). In 996, with Consent of the Family in *Progonna* City, he gave to *Leofenath*, a Soldier, forty Fields (*g*), at *Huneshom*, with the Fishery thereto belonging, to hold it for three Lives, paying yearly to the Bishop fifteen Salmons. Witnesses, *Aethelfige*, *Aelfige*, *Hæbward*, *Aethelstan*, *David*, Presbyters; *Godingc*, *Leofstan*, *Aetheric*, Deacons; *Cynetheng*, *Wulfgar*, *Wulfric*, *Wulfnoth*, *Wulfwine*, Clerks; *Leofwine*, Monk. All these, except *Hæbward* and *David*, were the Witnesses that subscribed to the many Deeds of *Oswald*; but we find no more than this of *Aldulph*. In the Year 1002, 24 of King *Ethelred*, on *Wednesday*, 17 Kal. of *May*, assembling Bishops, Ab-

(*a*) Eadmere in his Life and others, Act Ben. Seculi 5. (*b*) Malmesb. de gestis Pont. lib. 3. p. 154. (*c*) Oswaldi stolam sacerdotalem purpuream auro & gemmis ornatam ac præfca pulchritudine fulgidam in Beverlacensi Ecclesia servatam suo tempore fuisse Thomas Stubbius tradit, Acta Ben. Seculi 5. p. 728. (*d*) Hem. Chart. p. 190, 191. (*e*) Alf. An. Tom. III. p. 424. (*f*) Chron Sax. p. 129. (*g*) Agney, Hem. Chart. p. 190, 191.

bots, Priests, Monks, and Religious, he honourably translated the Bones of St. *Oswald* from his Tomb, to a Shrine which he had prepared for it; and not long after, on the Second Nones of *May*, died, and was buried in St. *Mary's* Church in *Wigorne* (a). *Wharton* tells us, that an old Obituary, belonging to *Worcester*, places his Death on the fourth of *June*, the Obituary of *Peterburgh* on the fifth. The *Worcester* Annals make him to have sat in this See eleven Years and an half, and so does a Catalogue, of the Bishops in *Hemming's Chartulary* (b). *Malmesbury* says, that he was a great Benefactor to the Monks of *Fleury*, and therein Emulated his Predecessor *Oswald*. He excuses him for holding the two Sees together, because of his Sanctity, and did it not out of Ambition, but Necessity; but he does not tell us what that Necessity was. As for his Successor, he leaves him without Excuse for doing the same, because he differed from him both in Holiness and Habit (c). And this was

WOLSTAN, nick-named Reprobate.

Nam nimis erravit, dum rebus nos spoliavit. For he erred too much, when he spoiled us of our Possessions, said the Monks. Whereas the Truth of the Matter was, that during the Continuance of the two Sees being held together, their Lands became confused the one with the other, and at their Separation *Worc* being the more potent See, retained several Manors belonging to this of *Worcester*; which was as much the Fault of *Oswald* and *Aldulf* as his; but they being Monks and Saints, no Blame was to be laid on them, and *Wolstan* alone was the Criminal Person. Whatever they say of him, we have reason to believe he was a worthy good Man. For the learned and pious *Ælfrick*, in his Book

(a) Flor. Wig. Alf. An. Tom. III. p. 432.
 Post. lib. 3. p. 154.

(b) p. 570.

(c) Malmesb. de gest.

of Canons dedicated to him, sets him forth as such, and his own Writings shew him to be a most Religious Prelate (a). An Account of them you will find in *Antiquæ Literaturæ Septentrionalis*, lib. 2. p. 141.

In the same Year that he came to this See, on the 13th of *September*, being the Feast of *St. Brice*, by the special Command of King *Ethelred* the *Danes* were murder'd all over the Kingdom. This brought again that barbarous People, with *Swein* their King at the Head of them, to revenge their Deaths, and to ravage and spoil the Kingdom, which they did till the Year 1007, when 30,000 Pounds say some (b), 36,000 Pounds say others (c), were paid to them to appease their Fury and make Peace. Whilst it lasted, at the Command of King *Ethelred*, there was a General Council held at *Ensham* in *Oxfordshire*, under *Ælfeage*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and our *Wolstan*, Archbishop of *York*, and Bishop of *Worcester*, wherein were made Thirty-two Canons for the better Reformation and Government of Church and State, which they all solemnly promised to observe (d). But this Peace lasted not long, for they came again 1009, and ravaged, as usual, till the Year 1012, when 48,000 Pounds more were given to them to cease from their Devastations. Almost all the Plate and Ornaments of this Church were then taken away, to raise their Share of this Tribute; the Tables of their Altars, both of Gold and Silver, the Clasps of their Books, their Chalices and their Crucifixes were melted down to raise it, and their Lands heavily taxed (e). And no less did they suffer under his Son *Cnut*, when a Tribute of 72,000 Pounds were paid to that savage People.

(a) --Addo & ipse si cujuspian gravioris facinoris reus fuerit. Wulstanus minime ut verisimile est, ei dedicaret Epistolam suam de Canonibus Ælfricus vir ille pierrissimus quod & facit verbis Officiosissimis. Immo Scripta ejus infra recensenda cum Synodalibus Decretis, in *Cod. Cotton. Claud. A. 3.* clare ostendunt eum fuisse Antistitem vere Religiosissimum. *Antiq. Lit. Sept. lib. 2. p. 141.* per Wanteium. (b) *Chron. Sax. W. Malmesb. p. 35. Ed. Sav. H. Huntingd. p. 206. Higd. Polychr. p. 272.* (c) *Flor. Wig. Rog. Hoveden, p. 246.* (d) *Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 510.* (e) *Hem. Chart. p. 248.*

At this Time of general Devastation many Lands were taken from the Church, particularly in the Days of King *Ethelred*; *Cliftun*, *Hamme*, *Eastham*, *Bufubud*, *Temedbyrig*, and *Ter*, by Earl *Hacun* and his Soldiers, which his Wife *Gunnild* knowing to be unjustly done, to make some small Recompence, gave them the Image of the Virgin *Mary*, curiously wrought and adorned with Gold (a). *Ægelsine*, Dean of this Church, a very noble and prudent Man, one of King *Ethelred*'s Counsellors, bought of the said King *Swinford* in *Staffordshire*, *Clent*, and *Terdebigg* in *Wigereceastre*, for two Hundred Pounds, and gave them to the Monastery, and he enjoyed them as long as he lived: but after the Death of *Ethelred*, *Edmund* his Son and *Cnut* contending for the Kingdom, there were great Disturbances every where. During which Dean *Ægilfin* dyed, and *Ævic*, High Sheriff of *Staffordshire*, invaded these Lands, and alienated them from the Monks, there being none in so troubled a State that would see Justice done them (b). At this Time the perfidious Duke *Edric Streon* ruled, in such a Manner, as to do what he would, adding Vills to Vills, and Provinces to Provinces; for he joined *Winchelcomb*, which was a County of itself, to that of *Gloucester*, in which Shire he took from the Church three Villages, *Bæres-hofre*, *Æfige*, and *Beingham*, and shortly after was ordered by *Cnut* to be slain, and his Head thrown over *London* Wall, nor he thought worthy of Burial, who had been so great an Oppressor, and had destroyed so many Monasteries (c). Earl *Ronig* having *Herefordshire* given to him, he and his Soldiers got as many Lands from the Church as they could, and particularly the Villages of *Pencosan*, *Cogre*, and *Upledeur*, *Arlea*, and *Bæresford*, with all the Lands and Appurtenances thereto belonging. Upon which the Monks made incessant Prayers to God and the Holy Virgin, and blessed *Oswald* their Patron, that they would raise up some good Man, and put it into his Heart

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 251. (b) Ibid. p. 276. (c) Hem. Chart. p. 280. Where it is said that *Leofficus* was then Bishop, but falsely. For all agree that Duke *Edric* was slain in or about the Year 1017, at which Time *Wolstan* was Bishop here.

to restore them again to the Church, whose Right they were; and that whosoever should studiously counsel and advise the same, might have an everlasting Reward (*a*). *Heamtun* did belong to the Monastery, for this Bishop *Wolstan* recovered it by Law from *Earngate* the Son of *Grim*, but could not get Possession of it, because Earl *Leofric*, a great Favourer of *Earngates*, hindered it, and kept it by Force. Upon which, when he earnestly desired the Bishop to make his Son a Monk, he would not, insisting that he should do Right to the Church, and restore all the Land, or at least give that Part of it, which is called *Thiccan Apel Treo* (*b*), to it, with his Son; which he refusing, and saying that his Sons should have it after him, they came to no Agreement, and in a little Time he had not one Son of his Family left to inherit it (*c*).

I find nothing more of this Bishop, than that in the Year 1018, he subscribed to King *Cnut*'s Charter, wherein he confirmed the Liberties and Privileges of the See of *Canterbury*, owning the Church there to be the Lady and Mother of all the Churches in *England* (*a*), and to another of his, in Behalf of the Monastery at *St. Edmond's-Bury*, 1020 (*e*). And in the Year 1023, on the fifth of the Calends of *June*, he died at *York*, and was carried to *Ely*, and buried there (*f*). He fate 22 Years, and at his Death the Sees of *York* and *Worcester* were again divided. To that of *York* succeeded *Alfric Puttoc*, Provost of *Winchester*, who would have had this of *Worcester* too, to have held in *Commendam*, as his Predecessors had done before him, but the *Wiccians* would not accept of him. So

LEOFFIUS OR LEOFFINUS, LEOFERTUS (*g*), LEOFERBIUS (*h*), LEFFIUS (*i*), LEOFRICUS (*k*), LEOFFIGUS (*l*), Abbot of *Thorney*, a Man of great Religion and Modesty, succeeded (*m*). In his Time

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 274. (*b*) It lies near *Droitwich*. (*c*) Hem. Chart. p. 260, 261.
 (*d*) Spelm. Gonc. Tom. III. p. 533. (*e*) Alf. Annal. (*f*) Flor. Wig. (*g*) Hem.
 Chart. p. 571. (*h*) An. Wig. (*i*) W. Malmesh. (*k*) An. Petrobug. (*l*) Hem.
 Chart. p. 280. (*m*) Flor. Wig.

the *Danes* went on in oppressing the Country, and hereby they lost several Lands. For an Order being made, that if any Place failed in the Payment of their Taxes on the Day appointed, any one that should deposite the Money to the Sheriff, might presently take Possession thereof. By these Means *Lorley*, *Luddington*, *Draiton*, and *Milcote* in the County of *Warwick*, were unjustly seized on. But *Hemming* tells us, that God suffered not this Rapine to go unpunished; for every one of them that had a Hand in the Fraud, either lost their Sight, or the Use of their Members, or ran mad, or killed themselves (*a*). In *Oxfordshire* they lost *Witrop* and *Witington*, the Gift of King *Offa*. And in this County one *Simund* a *Dane*, a Soldier of Earl *Leofric*'s, endeavoured to dispossess them of what they had in *Crow*, for he so plagued it with Suits and Trespasses, that he drove away the Farmers, and they were forced to grant it to him for his Life, on Condition, that he should serve for them in the Wars by Sea and Land, and should acknowledge the Prior for his Lord, by paying yearly an Horse or Money in lieu thereof (*b*). But to make some Amends for their Losses, Earl *Leofric*, upon the Death of his Father *Leofwine*, restored to them *Wulfardilra* and *Warkwell*, which had for a long Time been with-held from them. And he also promised to restore to them at his Death *Chadsey*, *Beolue*, *Broctun* and *Fosfeld* (*c*). This good Bishop *Leofert* sat in this See eleven Years (*d*), say the *Worcester Annals*, and the Catalogue in *Hemming's Chartulary*; but it was not so long, for from the fifth of the Kalends of *June* 1023, on which his Predecessor departed this Life, to the 14th of the Kalends of *Septemler* 1033, on which he himself died, is but ten Years, and not quite three Months. He departed this Life at *Kensley*, a Village about three Miles from *Worcester*, where the Bishops formerly had a Palace, and was honourably interred in the Church of *St. Mary*.

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 277. (*b*) Ibid. p. 265. (*c*) Ibid. p. 261. (*d*) Ibid. p. 571. An. Wig.

BRIGHTEAGUS (*a*), BRITEGUS (*b*), BRICTEGUS (*c*), BYRHEAGUS (*a*), BRITHEGUS (*e*), or BRIHTEH (*f*), Abbot of *Perthore*, succeeded him: he was born in *Berthmiz* (*g*), and was his Sister's Son. The Year before he was promoted to this See, he subscribed as Abbot of *Perthore* to *Cnut's* Charter, to the Abbey of *Eggleston* (*h*). Wherein that King says, that from the Beginning of his Reign he had endeavoured to make Amends for the Depredations and Blood that had been shed by him and his Progenitors, and would do so for the future. To this End he built several Churches, and repaired and endowed many Monasteries, and was a great Friend to, and Favourer of the Monks. To expiate his Guilt he went also to *Rome*, to visit the Sepulchres of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*. This *Florence*, *W. Malmesbury*, *Hoveden*, and *Huntingdon* places in the Year 1031 (*i*). But *Alford* from *Baronius* sooner, in 1027, when *Conrad* was crowned Emperor by Pope *John* (*k*). Whenever it was, upon his Return from thence, he sent *Living*, then Abbot of *Tavistock*, and afterwards Bishop here, with an Epistle, directed to *Ailnoth*, Metropolitan; *Alfric*, Archbishop of *York*, and to all the Bishops, and to all the *English* Nation, as well Nobles as Plebeians (*l*). And herein he notified to them his having been at *Rome* for the Good of his Soul, and the Good of his Kingdoms; that he had resolved to amend his Life, and to rule his People with Justice and Equity: and therefore commanded all his Officers to be guilty of no Extortions; to see that every one had Right done him; that the Tythes were duly paid to the Church in *August*, and Souleshot at *Martinmas*, in the Parishes where they lived. For about this Time Parish Churches were began to be built in many Places, the few that were before having been destroyed by the Fury of the *Danes*. And it seems this King, during

(*a*) *W. Malmesb.*(*b*) *An. Wig. Hem. Chart. p. 255.*(*c*) *Annales Petroburg.*(*d*) *Indic. ad calcem Flor.*(*e*) *Hem. Chart. p. 571.*(*f*) *Chron. Sax. sub anno 1038.*(*g*) *Hem. Chart. p. 266.*(*h*) *Alf. An. Tom. III. p. 505.*(*i*) *Flor. sub anno, W.**Malmesb. p. 41. Hov. p. 251. Hunt. p. 208.*(*k*) *Alf. An. Tom. III. p. 494.*(*l*) *Spelm.**Conc. Tom. I. p. 535.*

the Remainder of his Life, was as good as his Word, and did many good Deeds, and made many good Laws (a). Soon after his Return into *England* he sent our Bishop *Brihtegus*, with his Daughter *Gunnilda*, into *Germany*, to give her in Marriage to *Conrad*, Emperor there, others say to *Henry* his Son. When he came back to his See, he robbed the Church of several of their Lands, and not regarding the Consent of his Brethren, he gave *Ælfanton* and *Sapian* to one who had married his Sister, which was the Cause of their being lost for ever. For they being dead, *Richard*, the Son of *Scrob* (b), a *Norman*, seized on *Sapian*, and left it to his Son; and *Ægelric*, the Bishop's Brother, seized on *Ælfanton*, and left it to his Son *Godric* (c). To this Brother of his he also gave *Hymeltun*, *Spechley*, and *Wulfrinton*, and one Hide at *Whitinton* (d). To his Kinsman *Brihtwinne* he gave *Ravenhill* (e); to *Hearlewin*, his faithful Minister and Companion in his Embassy to the Emperor, half a Hide, at *Lappawurthin*, on Condition of paying one Shilling yearly at the Feast of the *Assumption* of the *Virgin Mary* (f). And to another Servant of his he gave *Elmlage* (g), and to *Atfere* his Chamberlain, five Hides at *Bingworth* (h). He sate in this See not quite six Years, and died on a *Wednesday*, 13 Cal. Jan. 1038 (i), before *Christmas* (k). Upon his Death *Harold*, surnamed *Harefoot*, then King of *England*, gave this Bishoprick to

LIVINGUS, *LIVING* (l), *LIFINGUS* (m), a Nephew of *Brithwald*, Bishop of *St. German* in *Cornwall*. He was first a Monk at *Winchester*, then Abbot of *Tavistock*, and as such accompanied King *Cnut* to *Rome*, and upon his Return was made by him Bishop of *Crediton*, in the Year 1032 (n). And being in great Favour with him when his Uncle died, he procured his Bishoprick to be added to

(a) Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 538. (b) Reg. Hoveden. p. 254. (c) Hem. Chart. p. 255.
(d) Ibid. p. 266. (e) Ibid. p. 267. (f) Ibid. (g) Ibid. (h) Ibid. p. 269. (i) Flor.
Wig. (k) Chron. Sax. sub anno. 7 fætorogan Xpæy mættan B. luftech E. on þærðæcætpe-
reipe yopðreþðe. (l) Chron. Sax. (m) Hem. Chart. p. 266. (n) Colwin. Ab.
An. sub anno.

his own (a), and when promoted to this See he left them not; but contrary to the Canons, he held them both *in Commendam*, with *Worcester*. Upon which Account he is branded by *Malmesbury* in these Words; *Ambitiosus & protervus Ecclesiasticarum Legum tyrannus ut fertur invictus, qui nihil pensi haberet quo minus omni voluntati suae assisteret* (b). An ambitious, arrogant, uncontrollable Trampler on the Ecclesiastical Laws, who studied nothing more than to gratify his own Will. In the Year 1040, upon *Hardicnute's* coming to the Crown, he was accused to him of procuring the Death of *Alfred*, King *Ethelred's* Eldest Son, his half Brother by his Mother, who being invited into *England* by a forged Letter in his Mother's Name, was seized by Earl *Godwin*, had his Eyes put out, was carried to *Gillingham*, and thence to *Ely*, where for some little Time he sustained with Bread and Water a miserable Life. For this the King deprived him, and gave the Bishoprick to *Alfric*, Archbishop of *York*, who would fain have had it before; but after one Year's Deprivation the King restored it to him again, he having made his Peace by paying him a good Sum of Money (c). In 1041, whilst *Alfric* was in Possession of this See, *Hardicnute* imposed a grievous Tribute upon the Nation, that eight Marks should be paid to every Rower in his Fleet, and twelve to every Commander: And he sent his Officers, called *Houfecarles* (d), thro'out *England* to gather the same. Upon this there arose a Tumult here at *Worcester*, upon the 4th of the Nones of *May*, on a *Monday*, and *Feades* and *Thurstan*, two of the King's Receivers, flying to the Tower, were followed and slain. The King much enraged and egged on by *Alfric*, who owed the *Worcester* Men a Grudge, for their refusing to choose him their Bishop (e), sent *Thur* of the *Mit-anglrs*, *Leofric*, Duke of *Merria*, *Godwin* of the *West-Saxons*, *Rone* of the *Magisterians* (f), *Seward* of

a) W. Malmesb. p. 145.

(b) Ibid. de Episcopis Crudenfibus.

(c) Pecunia ferena-

u W. Malmesb. p. 43.

(d) Hucapl. a Domestic Servant.

(e) Quin & Wigoni-

ng bus pro repulsa Episcopatus insensu, Autor Hardecnuto fuit, ut quod illi pertinacius exactoribus regiam vectigalium obiterant, urbem incenderet, fortunas civium abraderet. W. Malmesb. lib. 3. de Gest. n. Pont. p. 154.

(f) Radnorshire and Shropshire Men.

Northumberland, and all the other Earls of *England*, and almost all his Domestick Servants, with great Forces, to revenge the Affront, commanding them to slay all without Mercy, to rife and burn the City, and to lay waste the Country. On the second of the Ides of *November* they began to put this cruel Command of the King's in Execution; they spoiled and burnt the City, and ravaged the Country for the Space of five Days; when loaded with Plunder they returned every one to their own Home. However it happen'd, that few or no Prisoners were taken, nor many killed; for the Countrymen, terrified with the Report of their March, and foreknowing their Danger, were fled, and the Citizens with their Wives and Children retired into a small Island, encompassed by the River *Severn*, called *Severeve*, two Miles above their City, which they fortified, and there manfully defended themselves, till their Peace was made (*a*). The next Year *Living* being then restored to his See, was very instrumental with Earl *Godwin*, in raising *Edward* the Confessor to the Throne of his Ancestors (*b*). A little after this he had a *Controversy* with *Swegen* or *Swain*, Earl *Godwin*'s Son, who, full of Pride and Glory, gave out, that he was the Son of valiant King *Cnute*, and not of *Godwin*; which his Parents highly resenting, his Mother made Oath that he was her Son, and that *Godwin* was his Father, and had the same confirmed by the Oaths and Testimonies of several noble Ladies of *Wessex*. This wicked Man adding Iniquity to Iniquity, and full of Lust as well as Pride, took away by Force *Edgiva*, Abbess of *Leominster*, and cohabited with her for the Space of a Year, upon which he fell under the Censures of the Church; and *Edsi*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, joining with *Living*, they threatned to excommunicate him, upon which he very unwillingly parted with her: and out of Revenge he and his

(*a*) Flor. Wig. Will. Malmesb. p. 43. Rog. Hoveden, p. 252. Sim. Dunelm. --- *Milton's Hist. of England*, p. 277. (*b*) *Edwardus annitentibus maxime Comite Godwino & Wigornensi Praefulae Livingo Londoniae levatur in Regem.* Flor. Wig.

Friends took away from this Church *Marebrock*, *Hopton*, and *Upper Cliberry*, with many other Lands in *Shropshire* (a). As for himself not being permitted to marry *Edgiva*, he left the Land, and 1049 returned with eight Ships out of *Denmark*, feigning a Desire to come again into the King's Favour; at which Time he barbarously murdered *Beorn*, his Cousin German, who promised to intercede for him; and losing six of his Ships, with the other two he escaped into *Flanders*, where he remained till *Aldred*, who succeeded Bishop *Living*, by earnest Mediation wrought his Peace with the King. Afterwards he was banished with his Father *Godwin* 1051, and then touch'd in Conscience for the Murther of *Beorn* his Kinsman, and his other Crimes, he went barefoot to *Jerusalem*, and returning home died either by Sickneſs, or by the Hands of the *Saracens* in *Lycia* (b). But not to digress, Bishop *Living*, the Year not ſaid, recovered by Law the Village of *Chulſage*, which Bishop *Britegh* had given to a Servant of his, and reſtored it to the Monastery; but afterwards over-perſuaded by the Intreaties of his Servants, he took it from them again, and gave it to *Egelric*, ſurnamed *Kin*, a Soldier, for his Life, and then to return to the Monastery, binding with a perpetual Curſe him that ſhould detain it (c). About this Time we may place what *Hemming* tells us concerning *Coddarſage*, which had been granted in the Year 963 by Bishop *Oſwald* to *Ælfric*, for three Lives. That one named *Spirit*, much beloved by *Harold* and *Hardecnute*, obtained it of his Brother *Ernwi*, a rich and powerful Man, then in Poſſeſſion of this Place, *cauſa hoſpitationis*, that whenever he went to him, or came from him, he might find here Entertainment. But in the Time of *Edward* the Confessor he was banished by him the Kingdom, and a Favourite of his, one *Richard*, the Son of *Scrob*, a *Norman* (d), ſeized on it, and ſo the Church loſt it (e). This

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 275, 276.
289. Flor. Wig. Hoveden, p. 252.
p. 70. a.

(d) Hoveden, p. 254.

(b) W. Malmesb. p. 46. Milton's Hiſt. of England, p. 282.
(c) Hem. Chart. p. 267. Reg. 1. Dec. & Cap. Wig.

(e) Hem. Chart. p. 254.

Living, Bishop of the *Wiccians, Devonshire, and Cornwall* died *March 23, 10 Kal. of April 1046, on a Sunday*, having been Bishop of *Kirton* fifteen Years, and of this See eight (*a*). At the Time of his Death there was heard such a Clap of Thunder all over *England*, as many thought the Day of Doom had been come. He was buried at *Tavistoke*, which Monastery he had repaired and endowed, and thereby had gained so much Favour with the Monks, that to the Time of *Malmesbury*, who gives us the foregoing Account of his Death and Burial, they continually chaunted the fifteen Psalms of Degrees for the Repose of his Soul (*b*).

ALDRED or EALRED, first a Monk at *Winchester*, and after that Abbot of *Tavistoke* succeeded him. Who in the Year 1049, with some few Men out of *Gloucestershire* and *Herefordshire* went up in Host against certain *Irish* Pyrates and *Welshmen* who had ravaged the Country and passing the River *Wye* had burnt *Dunedham*, and killed all they met. Upon whose coming they privily sent Messengers to *Griffin*, Prince of *Southwales* for Aid and Assistance, who Marching with his whole Power by Night, early in the Morning he suddenly assaulted the *English* slew many of them, and put the rest to flight (*c*). In 1054 *Godwin*, Abbot of *Winchcomb* dying, Bishop *Aldred* on the Feast of St. *Kenelm* 17 July, substituted in his Room *Godric*, the Son of *Godman* the King's Chaplain, and soon after was sent by the said King on an Embassy to the Emperor, with many rich Presents, where he was very honourably received and entertained for the Space of a Year, and his Message was to entreat the Emperor, that *Edward*, the remaining Son of his Brother *Edmund Ironside*, who had married his Daughter *Agatha*, and was then in the *Hungarian* Court, might be sent over into *England*; which was done, for he came hither about this

(a) Flor. Wig. Hoveden p. 254.
Miltons Hist. of Eng. 283.

(b) W. Malmesb. p. 145.

(c) Flor. Wig.

Time and dying soon after, was buried at St. Paul's London. By this *Agatha* he had *Edgar Atheling*, *Margaret* Queen of Scots and Mother of *Maud* the Empress and *Christina* (a). There are some Deeds in *Hemming* without Date, which I shall here insert, as being granted much about this Time. *Agelwine*, Dean of the Church of *Wigornie* and his Brother *Ordric*, having bought three Cassats of Land at *Cundicote* on the Hills, with the Money of the Monastery, they settled them to the use of the Monks, where for the health of their Souls, they had caused the Son of *Ordric* to take the Habit, and *Ordric* himself not long after leaving all that he had, became a Monk too (b). *Wilburg*, a Widow, for the health of her Soul, and to keep up her Memory, gave for ever to the said Monastery *Sciranar* in the Parish of *Freckenham*, to come to them after her Death, on Condition they should bury her there (c). Three Hides at *Teotengton* and *Affligeton* (d), which *Oswald* had granted out for Lives, in the Year 963, were now in the Possession of one *Toki*, a rich and powerful Man who for the Health of his Soul, and the Love that was between *Aldred* and him, left them unto him by his last Will; but *Aki* his Son, another rich and powerful Minister of the King's. after the Death of his Father, claimed the Land as his by hereditary Right. Whereupon to end all Strife, with Consent of the King and Earl *Leofric*, and in Presence of the Nobles of the Province, the Bishop gave the said *Aki* eight Marks of Gold to relinquish all his Right and Title to it; and having thus purchased it, he gave it to the Monastery, freeing it from all Service to the Episcopal Village of *Brodune*, to which it was said it did formerly belong, tho' no Man then remembered the same (e). He gave them also the Fishery at *Hallow* and *Scadwell*, with the Lands belonging thereto (f). *Godwin*, Brother to Earl *Leofric*, had long re-

(a) Hov. p. 254.
177.(b) Hem. Chart. p. 335.
(c) Ibid. p. 396

(c) Ibid. p. 336.

(d) Ibid.

(f) Ibid. p. 517.

tained *Salewarp*, from the Church, but upon his Death-Bed when he received Holy Unction from *Wolstan*, then Dean, and *Wilstan*, who was afterwards Abbot of *Glocester*, he by his Will restored it to them; but *Agelwin* his Son, assisted by his Uncle *Leofric*, made void the said Will, and added it to his own Possessions, for which the just Judgment of God came upon him; he soon after lost his Life and all that he had, ignominiously ending his Days in the Hut of a Cowherd, and scarce having two Servants to bury him (a).

EDWIN, another Brother of Earl *Leofric*, had taken away from them *Bikemerst* in *Warwicshire*, *Wicbald* in *Worcestershire*, and Lands in *Syropshire*, but long he enjoyed them not; for he was slain by *Griffin*, King of *Wales*, *Morte ignominiosa*. Thirty Days after this Father *Wolstan*, Prior, and *Wilstan*, Provost, went to *Alritun*, and demanded the Lands belonging to their Monastery, but could get none of them, except a little Meadow at *Warnacliffe* (b). It was in the Year 1055, that this *Griffin* enter'd with his Forces into *Herefordshire*, routed the *English*, killed many, wounded more, slew seven Canons defending the Minster, spoiled and burnt both Monastery and City (c). And the next Year, with great Breach of Faith, he set upon *Leofgar* the Bishop, with his Clerks, at a Place called *Glastbrig*, and slew them too (d), upon which the vacant Bishoprick was given in *Commendam* to *Aldred*, who, with the Earls, *Leofric* and *Harold*, made Peace between the King and *Griffin*. Soon after this, viz. on the second of the Calends of *September* 1057, died at *Bromleage*, *Leofrick*, Duke of the *Mercians*, in a good old Age, a Man of no less Virtue than Power in his Time, religious, prudent, and faithful to his Country, happily wedded to *Godiva*, a Woman of great Praise; who, upon the Death of her Husband, mindful of the

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 259. (b) Ibid. p. 278, 279. (c) Hoveden, p. 254. (d) Ibid. Promise

Promise he had made to restore *Chaddesley, Bore, Bredun, and Fozfeld*, came to the Monks here, and gave them for the Health of his and her Soul three Cloaks, two Curtains, two Coverings for Benches, two Candlesticks finely wrought, and a Library, desiring that she might hold the Lands during her Life, paying yearly such a Sum of Money, and at her Death to return to the Monastery, with all that should be found thereon, to which they readily agreed (*a*). *Prondor* was about this Time restored to Prior *Wolstan* by *Nopðman* and with it a Son of his. But Sheriff *Ralph*, with *William*, Earl of *Hereford*, took that, and more Lands away from the Monastery, and not long after died in Exile, and *Ralph* being clapped up in Jail lost all that he had (*b*). Also one *Ordewii*, a Man of great Probity, drawing near the Time of his Death, being touched in Conscience, restored *atun*, which had been a long Time with-held from them, and soon after it was taken from them again by *Ægelwii*, Abbot of *Exeter*, and from him by *Urso d'Abetot*, Sheriff of the County, who gave it away in Marriage with his Daughter (*c*). In 1058 Bishop *Aldred* dedicated the fine Abbey Church of *Gloucester*, which he had built from the Ground, and with Leave of King *Edward* constituted *Wilstan*, one of the Monks of *Worcester*, Abbot there (*d*). In 1060 the Archbishoprick of *York* fell void by the Death of *Kinsl*, and he making his Way by Money and Bribes, liberally bestowed among the Courtiers, found Means to circumvent and abuse the Simplicity of the King; and by alledging the Examples of his Predecessors, who had held *Worcester* in Commendam with *York*, he obtained a Licence from him to do the same. Upon obtaining this he resigned *Hereford*, which, upon the Account of his Industry, had been committed to his Care in the Time of the Wars with *Griffin*, King of *South Wales*: And the same was given to *Walter* a *Lorrainer*, Chaplain to Queen *Eadgitha* (*e*). With this *Walter* and *Giso*, Bishop Elect of

(*a*) Hem. Chart. p. 261, 262.
Wig. Flor. Wig.

(*e*) Flor. Wig.

(*b*) Ibid. p. 249.

(*c*) Ibid. p. 250.

(*d*) An.

Wells,

Wells, and *Tofti*, Earl of *Northumberland*, Son to *Godwin*, Earl of *Kent*, he went in the Year 1661 to *Rome*, to receive his Pall. The Earl, Pope *Nicholas* graciously received, made him sit by his Side in a Synod, that he had called against those that had been guilty of Symony. *Giso* and *Walter*, free from such a Crime, and not contemptible for their Learning, he consecrated; but *Aldred*, by his own Confession guilty, of all his Honours he deprived. Having met with such different Treatment, as they returned home one common Calamity befel them all; for falling into the Hands of Robbers, they were spoiled of all they had, except their Cloaths, and so to *Rome* unhurt they returned again. This Misfortune was to *Aldred* a Means of obtaining that Favour which he could not get before. For Earl *Tofti* boldly giving out, that the Pope's Excommunications would be little dreaded by distant Nations, when Rogues so near feared them not; that it was wrong to trample on Supplicants, and not be able to do any Thing against Rebels; that if their Goods were not restored by his Authority, by whose Misgovernment they had been lost, the King of *England*, when he heard it, would, no doubt, make them full Amends out of their *Peter-pence*; and that as for himself he would not fail to represent it to his Majesty and to push on the same with his utmost Vigour Those about the Pope, much moved at these Speeches, persuaded him to let *Aldred* have his Archbishoprick and his Pall, for that it would not look well to have him sent home to his own Countrey robbed and disgraced. So he obtained *York*, but with this Condition, that he should leave *Worcester* (a). Upon his Return, before he did leave it, he persuaded King *Edward* to subject it to the See of *York* (b), and determining with himself to rob it of several of its Lands, he got *Wolstan* chosen thereto, a simple, holy Man, one that he thought would give him but little Trouble *Almebury* relates one Thing

(a) W. Malmesb. p. 154. Bromton, p. 952. H. Knighton. 5. 2256. Inter decem. Scriptores
(b) See Appendix, N. 1.

more of him concerning **Worcester**. That whilst he sate in the See of **York**, *Urse*, High-Sheriff of the County, built a Castle on the South Side of the Cathedral Church, which encroached too much on the Sanctuary of the Monks, and damaged them. Complaint hereof being made to him, *qui tutor esset Episcopatus*, as Protector of the Bishoprick, when he met him he saluted him with these Words, *Highest, thou Urse, have thou God's Curse, and mine, and of all consecrated Heads, except thou takest away this Castle; and know thou assuredly, that thy Posterity shall not long inherit the Land of St. Mary.* And he tells us, that this Prophecy of the Bishop's, he himself saw fulfilled; for that not many Years after, his Son *Roger*, who succeeded him in his Estate and Honours, was deprived of them all by King *Henry*, and he forced to fly the Land, because in his headlong Fury he had commanded one of the King's Officers to be slain (*a*). We have three Deeds of his in *Hemming's Chartulary* without Date. The first, in the Time of *Edward* the Confessor, wherein he gave two Hides at **Hill**, to *Æthelstan*, for three Lives (*b*); and another, wherein he gave one Hide and an half, in **Dichford**, to *Wolfgeat*, for his Life (*c*). And the third, declaring that whilst he was Archbishop he bought ten Cassats at **Heantun** in *Gloucestershire*, for ten Marks of Gold, and gave them *ad victum Monachorum*, to buy Provisions for the Monks of *St. Mary* in **Wigorne** City laying under a Curse all those who should go about to take them away from them (*d*). He was certainly a great Patron to them, and whilst he lived did many Things for them. He died the 3. of the Ides of *September*, *feria sexta* 1069, and was buried at **York**, say our Historians (*e*), at **Gloucester**, say others (*f*). But to return to

WOLSTAN. This Bishop was born at **Long Ichington** in **Warwickshire**, his Father's Name *Ælfstan*, and his Mother's

(*a*) W. Malmesb. p. 154.

p. 398, 399.

Survey of York Cathedral.

(*b*) Hem. Chart. p. 590.

(*c*) Stubbs's Col. 1703, inter decem Script.

(*d*) Ibid. p. 600.

(*e*) Ibid.

(*f*) Brown Willis, Esq; in his

Wigeva, from whence he had his own Name *Wulstan*, consisting of the first Part of his Mother's, *Wl*, and the last Part of his Father's *stan*. Which *Ælfstan* or *Eatstan*, was a faithful Servant of *Oswald's*, and had Lands given him here at *Jcenantune* by the said Bishop, *An. Dom.* 991 (*a*). He was a very religious Man, and so was his Wife. Sometime before their Death they separated one from the other, and he became a *Monk* here at *Worcester*, and she a *Nun* (*b*). As for *Wolstan* their Son, they put him to School to learn to read at *Evesham*, and from thence they sent him to *Peterburg*, where he was instructed in Grammar; his Master's Name was *Erwen*, in Writing and Painting very Skilful. With a Sacramentary and a Psalter fairly wrote by him, having the first Letters of the Sentences curiously depicted, *Wolstan* was mightily taken; and sadly grieved, when for Lucre-sake, he parted with the first to King *Cnute*, and gave the Psalter to Queen *Emma* (*c*). Returning from hence into his own Country, perhaps on the Death of his Father, and coming here to visit his Mother, he was persuaded by her to leave the World, and in the same Monastery where his Father before had served God, he received the Habit and Order of a *Monk*, from the venerable Bishop *Brihtega*, by whom he was also ordained both Deacon and Priest. He was soon taken Notice of for his pious and strict Course of Life, fervent Devotions, long Watchings, and frequent Fastings (*d*). Upon the Account of these and many other Virtues, he was at first appointed for a time Master and Guardian of the Children. Afterwards, for his practical Diligence in Ecclesiastical Affairs, he was by Command of his Superiors made Chancellor and Treasurer (*e*), or, as some say *Edituus Cynocpeapde* (*f*), Keeper or Overseer of the Church; and being in this Station he

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 126.

(d) Flor. Wig.

(e) Flor. Wig.

(b) Flor. Wig.

(f) Hem. Chart. p. 404.

(c) Ang. Sac. P. 2. p. 244.

gave himself wholly up to a Contemplative Life, either in Prayer to God, or in reading the Scriptures, and meditating thereon. And in these Exercises he continued sometimes a whole Day and Night together; once, it is said, four Days and Nights together, whereby he incurred such Danger, that had he not hastened by Sleep to refresh Nature, he would have died. And when Nature enforced him to take some Repose, he laid not himself down on a Couch or soft Bed, but on some Bench or Form in the Church, and made the Book he read the Pillow whereon to lay his Head. Being thus Exercised in the strict Severity of a Monastick Life, upon the Death of *Agelwine*, he was by Bishop *Aldred* made Prior, the Year not certain (*a*); but it must be between 1051 and 1057; for in the Deed of *Cundscotan*, *Agelwin* was then Dean, and to it subscribed, amongst others, *Kynsi*, Archbishop of *York*, who came not to that See till 1051. And in 1057 died *Leofrick*, Earl of *Mercia*, who gave to *Wolstan*, Prior, five Hides at *Wolverley* and two at *Blackwell*, for the Use of the Refectory (*b*). He executed this Office with great Commendation, retaining the Austerity of his former Conversation, or rather increasing it, that he might by any Means be an Example of good Life to others (*c*). This render'd him so famous, that when *Aldred* was obliged to quit the Bishoprick of *Worcester*, he was by the general Consent of the Clergy and Laity chosen to succeed him, the King having sent down to them his *Conge d'eslire*, *ut quem sibi vellet presulem eligerent*, to choose whom they pleased. *Arminfred*, Bishop of *Sedun* and another Legate of the Apostolick See, sent by Pope *Alexander* to King *Edward*, about Ecclesiastical Affairs, were then at *Worcester* at the solemn Time of Lent, and being Ear and Eye Witnesses of his laudable Conversation, concurred in his Election, and

(*a*) Ang. Sac. P. I. p. 547. in Successione Priorum Wigorn.
408, 409. (*c*) Flor. Wig.

(*b*) Hem. Chart. p.

confirmed, it with their Authority. When Notice was given him of this, he refused to give his Consent unto it, and said he was unworthy of so high a Dignity, and protested that he would rather lose his Head, than to take so great a Charge upon him. Tho' several religious and worthy Persons importunately urged him to accept of it, yet he still persisted in denying; till one *Wulfi*, Son of Earl *Leofric*, say some (*a*), a Recluse or Anchorite for above forty Years, sharply reprehended him for his Obstinacy, and assured him that in so doing he much offended God. Upon this he yielded, not without great Grief of Heart; and his Election was Canonically confirmed on the Day of the Decollation of St. *John* the Baptist, and agreed unto by the King the 29th of *August*; and he was consecrated at ~~Wor~~ by Archbishop *Aldred*, on the Nativity of St. *Mary*, the Eighth of *September* following, being then above fifty Years old, *An. Dom.* 1602. 21st, of *Edward* the Confessor, *Indiction* 15. The Reason why he was consecrated by *Aldred*, and not by *Stigand*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Florence* tells us was, because *Stigand* was under Suspension: to whom nevertheless he swore Canonical Obedience, and not to *Aldred*, who ordained him (*b*).

The first Thing we meet with recorded of him, after he was made Bishop, is his being present at the Dedication of St. *Peter's* Church at ~~Westminster~~, built and endowed by King *Edward* the Confessor; and his subscribing to that King's Charters, confirming the many Privileges granted to it by Pope *Nicholas's* Bull (*c*). And before this good King died, he granted Bishop *Wolstan* Freedom for Toll as follows:

(*a*) Quis ille Anachorita Wulfius. . . Is indubie fuit Leofrici Comititis filius inclusus in Monasterio Croylandensi anno 1018, de quo Ingulphus hæc habet. Brithmeri Abbatis anno quarto, veniens quidam devotissimus adolescens ac valde generosus, de cognatione videlicet Leofrici Comititis Leicestræ, nomine Wulfius amore vitæ solitariæ apud nos reclusus est & multis annis sanctissime conversatus. Ingalph. p. 507, b. l. 33. Alf. An. Tom. III. p. 560, 561. (*b*) Sim. Dunelm. p. 190, 191. Flor. Wig. (*c*) Spelm. Conc. Tom. I. p. 631, 635.

Eðþarð King, ʒpet Alʒʒan Hepl 7 Richarð 7 alle mýne yeýney an pýnceʒtpeyhýpe þitýnne porʒe 7 þitouten ʒpendlýche, 7 iche quýþe ou ýat hý pulle ýat polýtan Býrrop be ýe tʒiðdeley pýþe of ʒem tolne 7 of chýp tolne into Seýnte mapie munýtpe, ʒo ʒul 7 ʒo ʒonʒh ʒo he haved ýat oʒþer ýing (a). When *William* the Conqueror, after the Battle of *Hastings*, ravaged the Country, he with *Aldred*, Archbishop of *Þork*, and many other Nobles met him and submitted to him, and attended on his Coronation by *Aldred*, on *Chrifmas*s Day following. Having got peaceable Poſſeſſion of the Throne, in the firſt Year of his Reign 1067, that King gave to Biſhop *Wulſtan* the Village of *Cullaclyfe*, a Member of *Wolverley*, containing two Hides, for the Uſe of the Monks of *St. Mary*, on Condition they ſhould pray to God for the Health of his Soul, and the Souls of all thoſe who had aſſiſted him in getting Poſſeſſion of this Kingdom, and that whatever Guilt he had contracted in ſo doing, might be forgiven him (b). He continued not long in this good Mind towards the *Engliſh* Clergy, for he very ſoon began to diſplace them: ſome with, and ſome without Cauſe, the better to bring in his *Nor-*
mans, who robbed this Church of ſeveral Lands. *William Fitz Oſ-*
bern, Earl of *Hereford*, took from them *Headdes Ofre*, or *Hadſor*, which lies Eaſt of *Wich*, and gave it to his Servant *Gilbert*; which Earl *William*, who took away this, and ſeveral other Lands from them, died a ſhameful Death in Exile, and his Son *Roger*, found Guilty of Treason, forfeited all he had, and was imprifoned for Life (c). *Ralph de Beornac*, this Earl's Sheriff, took from them *Þronodoc* (d), *Ælſintun* (e), *Æſſlege* (f), and *Witley* (g), and he died in Jayl too (h). *Urſo d' Abetot*, whom King *William* made High Sheriff of this County, deprived them of *Æton* (i), *Clop-*
ton (k), *Bydmerleghe* near *Duddantreo* (l), *Grimley*, *Eſbury* (m),

(a) Lib. Alb. Epiſc. Wig. fol. 39 b. (b) Hem. Chart. p. 413. (c) Ibid. p. 262, 263.
(d) Ibid. p. 249. (e) Ibid. p. 255. (f) Ibid. (g) Ibid. p. 256. (h) Ibid. p. 250.
(i) Ibid. (k) Ibid. p. 253. (l) Ibid. p. 254. (m) Ibid. p. 257.

and *Waresley* (*a*), and *Robert* his Brother, of *Lawern* (*b*), *Elmeley* (*c*), *Charleton*, and other Lands (*d*). Two more *Frenchmen* robbed them of *Sceldesley* (*e*), and *Bradicote* (*f*). *Turstan*, a *Flanderkin*, took from them *Ribbesford* (*g*). And *Ægelwi*, Abbot of *Evesham*, skilful in the Laws, and much honoured and made a Judge by the Conqueror, got into his Possession the other Part of *Bengworth*, with *Milcot*, and *Westun* in *Warwickshire*, and *Ævinlode* and *Dailesford*, belonging to the Bishoprick. Upon whose Death *Odo*, Bishop of *Baieur*, and Earl of *Canterbury*, the King's Brother, took them from his Successor *Walter*, and enjoyed them (*h*). In *Gloucestershire*, *Roger d'Ivry*, the King's Butler, took from them *Hampton*, but held it not long, for incurring the King's Displeasure, he, with others, were forced to fly, and their Lands were seized on, and they died in Exile (*i*). Even the Conqueror himself spared them not, for in *Lent* 1069, says *Bromton* (*k*), 1070 say others, but not so truly (*l*), being informed that several Persons had lodged their Money and Plate in the Monasteries, he took Occasion thence to order all the Religious Houses to be searched, and every Thing of Value to be carried off; on Pretence it belonged to his Enemies. Some Historians affirm, that he spared not so much as the Shrines of the Saints, and the consecrated Vessels; the Truth of which does fully appear from a *Saxon* Note in *Hemming's Chartulary* (*m*). That they took in the first Place off the *Æycene* or *hpygile* but ten Pounds, off fifteen Roods six Marks, and off their Crucifixes and Chalice eleven Marks, off the long Shrine eight Pounds, and off the three Horns three Marks, and off the Candlesticks ten Pounds, and off the *Hæcce* thirty-three Marks; and to this they added forty Marks, and six half Marks of Gold. These Doings were so abominable, that

(*a*) Ibid. p. 261. (*b*) Ibid. p. 252. (*c*) Ibid. p. 267. (*d*) Ibid. p. 268. (*e*) Ibid. p. 251. (*f*) Ibid. p. 265. (*g*) Ibid. p. 256. (*h*) Ibid. p. 269, 272, 273. (*i*) Ibid. p. 280, 281. (*k*) Chr. Brompton. p. 967. l. 46. (*l*) Rad. de diceto, 482. l. 41. Sim. Danelm. p. 199. (*m*) P. 393.

Aldred cursed *Urso d'Abetot* to his Face, for his building his Castle to the Damage of the Monks; and seeing that the King had broken his Coronation Oath, and not defended the Church, nor ministred Justice, nor used *Englishmen* as favourable as his own *Normans*, he stuck not to thunder out an Excommunication against him too; saying that now *worthily he had cursed, whom once unworthily he had blessed* (a), for he it was that had crowned him. This must be done in 1069, for a little after he died, viz. on the 11th of September, and in the *Lent* before it, we may truly fix the searching and spoiling of the Monasteries. Archbishop *Aldred*, now dead, *Wolstan* thought it a proper Time for him to recover the Lands, viz. twelve Villages or Manors, which had been unjustly taken away from his See, and annexed to that of *York* (b). Accordingly at the great Council held at *Winchester*, on the Octaves of *Easter* 1070, where *Ermenfred*, Bishop of *Serdun*, and *John* and *Peter* Priests, sent as the Pope's Legates, he demanded Restitution according to Justice, of the many Lands his Bishoprick had been deprived of, and which were now upon *Aldred's* Death in the King's Hands: But because the Church of *York* was then destitute of a Pastor, it was adjudged that the Controversy should rest till that See should be filled (c).

THOMAS, a *Norman*, born at *Bajeux*, and Treasurer of that Church, as well as Chaplain to the King (d), was soon after made Archbishop of *York*, and *Lanfranc*, another Foreigner, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Stigand* being deposed (e). And then came on again the Cause between the Sees of *York* and *Worcester*, at a Council held at *Pedreda* or *Pederton*, where were present the King, the two Archbishops, with all the Bishops, Abbots, Earls, and Peers of *England*. And although *Thomas* and his Favourers endeavoured by all Means, whether fair or foul, to keep down the Church of

(a) W. Malmesb. p. 154. b.
(d) Stubbs, p. 1705.

(b) Stubbs. Act. Pont. Ebor. p. 1702. l. 31.
(e) Rad. de Diceto, p. 482.

(c) Flor. Wig.

Worcester, and to subject it to that See, yet it was determined against them, their Deeds were proved false and their pretences groundless. So that *Wulstan*, the Man of God, not only recovered his Right to the twelve Manors that had been taken from him, but all the Privileges that had in any wise been granted to his See, as well by the first Founders, King *Ethelbald* and *Osher* his Viceroy; as by *Kenred*, *Æthelbald*, *Offa*, *Kenulf* King's of the *Mercians*: and by their Successors *Edward* Senior, *Æthelstan*, *Edmund*, *Edred* and *Edgar*, Kings of *England* (a). As soon as this Council was ended, *Thomas* went along with *Lanfranc* and *Remigius*, Bishop of *Dorchester* to *Rome*, in order to receive their Palls; and here he made Complaint to the Pope that he had been forced to submit to *Lanfranc* against Right and claimed again a Jurisdiction over the See of *Worcester*: but the Pope would not meddle with it, and ordered it to be decided by the King and his Nobles, and it was by them given against him in the Year 1072 at the Castle of *Windlestone* (b).

At this time it was that Archbishop *Lanfranc* endeavoured to have Bishop *Wulstan* deposed for Insufficiency, tho' second, neither to himself nor any other for Holiness and Virtue, but seeing him in great Favour with the People, or struck with Story of his fixing his Pastoral Staff in the Tomb of *St. Edward*, which none could remove but himself, with no little Shame he desisted (c). *Ailred*, Abbot of *Rievale*, in his Life of *Edward* the Confessor, gives us a long Account of this fixing his Staff in the Tomb of that King which those that delight in such Legends may there peruse (e). *Malmesbury*, tho' a Lover of such miraculous Stories, makes no Mention of it: but speaking of this Matter he says. (f). Here the holy Simplicity of blessed *Wulstan* even his coura-

(a) Rog. Hov. p. 260. a.
p. 112.

(b) Rad. de. Diceto. p. 484, 485.

(c) Antiq. Brit.

(d) Ailred. p. 405, 406. inter decem Scriptores.

gious Trust in God is worthy to be praised; for, being ordered to withdraw, and to give in his Answer to what had been alledged against him, coming to his Friends with a composed Mind, *Believe me*, says he, *we have not sung* horam sextain, *let us therefore sing it*; They answering, that first they ought to consult and dispatch the Business they were about, that there would be Time enough for them to chant hereafter, that if the King and his Nobles should hear this they would laugh him to scorn. *Believe me, first*, says he, *let us serve God, and after let us wage the Controversy of Men*. The Hour being chanted without any Tergiversation, or pretending to more than naked Truth, he immediately went towards the Council Hall, his Friends, who were very fearful of the Issue of the Cause, endeavoured to stay him, to whom he replied, know for certain, that I here see visibly the holy Archbishops, *Dunstan* of *Canterbury*, and *Oswald* of *York*, who defending me this Day with their Prayers, shall blunt the Edge of all my lying Opposers. So giving them his Blessing, and making Use of a Monk no Ways eloquent, but skilful in the *Norman* Language, he so pleaded his Cause himself, that he who before was thought unworthy of ruling his own Diocese, was humbly desired by the Archbishop of *York* to visit his; but this, whether out of Fear of the Enemy, or for Ignorance of the Language of the Country, he did not care to do (a). The Truth is, the Character of the *English* Clergy, as well as of the *English* Nation, at this time was but very indifferent, and not much inferior to the Rudeness and Wickedness of the antient *Britains*, related by *Gildas*, wherewith they provoked God to give them up into the Hands of the *Saxons*, as he now did them into the Hands of the *Normans*: for they were remarkably notorious for Drunkenness, Lust, Pride, and Ignorance (b), so that pious *Wulstan* at this Time shone as a bright Star amongst them.

(a) W. Malmesb. p. 66.

(b) W. Malmesb. p. 57.

In the Year 1077, upon the Petition of *Thomas*, Arch-bishop of *York*; he with *Peter*, Bishop of *Chester*, was sent by *Lanfranc*, to assist in the Consecration of a Bishop of the *Orcades* (a). And in 1081, at a Council held at *Gloucester* the King commanding, and *Lanfranc* consenting, he with *Osbern*, Brother of *William* Earl of *Hereford*, and Bishop of *Exeter*, *Giso* Bishop of *Wells*, and *Robert* Bishop of *Hereford*, assisted the said *Thomas* Archbishop of *York*, in the Consecration of *William* Bishop of *Durham* (b). His Loyalty to his Prince, was no less remarkable than his Piety to God, for in the Year 1074, or thereabouts (c), when *Roger de Bretevil*, Earl of *Hereford*, at the celebration of the Marriage of his Sister *Emme* with *Ralph de Waer* or *Guader* Earl of *Norfolk*, conspired with others against the King then in *Normandy*; and the said *Roger* return'd into *Herefordshire*, and there gathered Forces, in order to go and Assist his Brother-in-law: our Bishop *Wulstan*, calling to his Aid *Urso*, Sheriff of the County, and *Agelwy* Abbot of *Evesham*, and *Walter de Lacy* another potent Baron: they opposed his passing the *Severn*, and prevented him from joining his Brother, who receiving no Aid from him, fled to *Norwich*, and from thence over Sea, to seek for refuge in Foreign Country's.

About this Time there arose a Controversy between our Bishop *Wulstan*, and *Walter* Abbot of *Evesham*. The Bishop sued him for the Services of fifteen Hides in *Hramtune*, and four in *Benincwerthe*, as Part of his Hundred of *Oswaldeslaw*, which

(a) Antiq. But. p. 114. Ed. Han, (b) Sim. Dun. (c) Roger Hoveden places it under the Year 1073. p. 261. Ed. Sav. Flor. Wig. Sim. Dun. under the Year 1074. Chron. Joh. Brompton, and the Sax. Annals under 1075. which last runs thus

MLXXV. On þisum geape pillern Cyng gear Raulfe Eople pillernes tohton Oybeapnes sunu, and ye ylca Raulf þæs Bpizziyc on his oðres healpe and his Fæter þæs Raulph hætte and þæs geboren on Norþholec. Ða gear ye Cyng his sunu þone Eopltom on Norþholec and suðholec þa lætte he þæt þis to Norþwic, þær þæs Bryd eala mannum to Beala

the Abbot refused. King *William* then in *Normandy*, directed his Writ to Archbishop *Lanfranc*, and *Gosfrid*, Bishop of *Constance*, in these Words. See that there be *Soke* and *Sake*, between Bishop *Wulstan*, and *Walter* Abbot of *Evesham*, as it was lately in the time of King *Edward*, when he gathered the Tax for his Navy. and to try this Cause, be thou *Gosfrid* in my Place, and study that *Wulstan* may have full Justice done him; and look that he have the Houses which he Claims from the Abbot, in *Wireceastre*, and all they who hold Lands of him, may may be ready for my Service and his. Witness *Roger de Ivery* (a). Upon this the Cause came to an hearing at *Wireceastre* before Bishop *Gosfrid* and a great meeting of the Neighbouring Counties and *Barons*. The Bishop Claim'd his Right, and the Abbot denied it. The Bishop said he was ready to produce his Witnesses, who saw the said Services performed to him in the time of King *Edward*; upon which by Command of the Kings Justice and the *Barons* they went to Judgment; and because the Abbot said he had no, Witnesses to produce against the Bishop, it was adjudged by the Nobles, that the Bishop should name his Witnesses and bring them at a Day appointed, to prove by Oath what he Alledg'd; and that the Abbot should bring thither at the same time, what *Reliques* he pleased, on which in those Days they swore as well as upon the Bible (b). Bishop *Wulstan* the and Abbot came at the time appointed, as also the former *Barons*, being Commanded then to attend by Bishop *Gosfrid*. The Abbot brought his *Reliques*, viz. the Body of Saint *Ecguina*. And on the Bishops side, there were ready to take their Oaths, *Edric* Steerman of the Bishops Ship in time of King *Edward*, and Leader of his Forces in the Wars, who was then a Servant to *Robert* Bishop of *Hereford*,

(a) Hem, Chart. p. 77. (b) Socii tactis Sanctis Reliquiis jurabunt se sincere fideles fore suis singulis Contociis Hick. Dis. Epist. p. 21. vide etiam Lindebrog in voce Perjurium in Altari seu Sanctis Reliquiis, et Somner Dict in voce Haligbome.

and held nothing under the Bishop of Worcester. As also *Kineward* High-Sheriff of *Worcestershire*; *Siward* a rich Man of *Shropshire*, *Osbern* the Son of *Richard*, and *Turchil* of *Warwickshire*, and many others. The Abbot seeing so plain a Proof ready to be made upon the Oaths of several Noble and Aged Persons, taking Advice with his Friends threw up his Cause, acknowledged the Bishops Claim, and promised to come to Agreement with him about it. This was followed with another Writ from the King, directed to *U.* High-Sheriff and *Osbern* the Son of *Scrob*; and to all the French and Englishmen in *Worcestershire*. thus. I will and Command, that Bishop *Wulstan* have *Soke* and *Sake* and Services and all Customs belonging to his Hundred, and the Lands thereof as fully as he had them in the time of King *Edward*. and as to the Lands which he proved, the Abbot of *Evesham* to hold of him in Fee, viz. Four Hides at *Bennington*, and the Houses in the City, I Command if the Abbot will have them, he shall do Service for them, as other Feudatories. And for the fifteen Hides at *Hampton*, where he proved *Soke*, and *Geld*, and *Expedition*, and other my Services to belong to his *Hundred*; and *Churchscot* and *Sepulture*, to belong to his Village [of *Crophorne*,] I Command that none contradict it; but that he have them all to my use and his; as was proved and sworn to be his Right before Bishop *Gosfrid*, and before you and the whole County, according to my Precept. Witness *Gosfrid* Bishop and *Roger de Ivery* (a).

Not long after this the King sent *Walter Giffard* a Norman, Earl of *Buckingham*; *Remigius de Feschamp* Bishop of *Lincoln*; *Henry de Ferrers*, and *Adam* Brother to *Eudo* the Kings Stewart to Survey the the whole Kingdome, which some say began in the

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 82. 83.

fourteenth Year of his Reign ; and the former Controversy was again raised by the Abbot ; upon which *Gosfrid* Bishop of *Constance*, certified to the forementioned Lords, and the rest of the Kings Barons there present ; that upon the Kings Precept he had held Court of Plea, between Bishop *Wulstan* and the Abbot of *Evesham*, and that the Bishop did therein recover four Hides at *Benninewrthe*, and the Houses in the City as of his Fee, and that the Abbot owed him Service for the same as his other *Frudataries* ; and also that therein he recovered *Soke* and *Sake* at *Hampton*, as belonging to his Hundred of *Oswaldeslaw*, and that there they owed Suit and other legal Services for fifteen Hides : and *Ciricsceat* and *Sepulture* at his Village of *Croppthorne*, all which had been proved and sworn to before him and *Ury de abetot* *Oybeyn* Son of *Eycpob* and the rest of the King's Barons, and the whole County, sitting in Judgment and witnessing the same-(*a*). Upon this they had again a Hearing before *Remigius* Bishop of *Lincoln* and the other Lords ; and once more the Abbot came to an Agreement, and did acknowledge before all the Convent at *Wigorne*, and many Brethren of *Evesham*, that the fifteen Hides at *Hampton*, did of right belong to the Bishops Hundred of *Oswaldeslawe*, and ought to Pay the Kings Tax with the Bishop, and all other Services belonging to the King, and there to hold Plea. And for the four Hides in *Benninewrthe*, he acknowledged the same. And because he humbly did this at the request of those present, the Bishop permitted the Abbot and his Brethren to hold the Land there, on condition that he should make such Honourable recognition and Service as should be required of him. Witnesses of this Agreement were the foresaid King's Barons, and others whose Names follow. *Serlo* Abbot of *Glocestre*, *Nigel*

(*a*) H. Ch. p. 77.

Clerk to Bishop *Remigius*; *Ulf* and *Ranulph*, Monks attendants on the said Bishop; *Wulfi* Presbyter, *Edric de Hindelep*; *Alfwine* a Monk of St. *Remy*; *Godric de Piry*; *Ailric* Archdeacon; *Ordric Niger*; *Frittherick* Clerk; *Alfwine* Son of *Brihtmer* (a). This *Walter Agelwy* Abbot of *Evesham*, was it seems a Cunning Subtile Man, well versed in the Laws of the Land, which were his chiefeft Study; by which means after the *Norman* Invasion, and ruine of the *English* Nobility, he grew into great Authority and Power, being much favoured by the Conqueror: and the more because Bishop *Wulstan*, the only Man in this County more honourable than himself, did not intermeddle with secular Affairs, giving himself wholly up to the Service of God; mindful of the Apostles: Saying *no man that warreth entangleth himself with the affaris of this Life* (b). Hence it was that under pretence of Protecting many Rich Men of this County, he by degrees made them submit to him, and by deceit and flattery defrauded them of their Lands and all they had, and among the rest several of the Bishops Soldiers and Leigemen. Upon this Score he had many Suits with the Bishop, and the Children of this World being wiser in their generation than the Children of Light, he so imposed upon the Holy Man, by his cunning and shifting, sometimes acknowledging Services due, and at other times threatning to Damage his other Lands if he Demanded it, that as long as he Lived he kept them, and after his Death the Succeeding Abbot got Possession of them, and held them till *Odo* Bishop of *Bajeux*, got a grant of them from the King his Brother, and so *Aun*, *Earesbyri*, *Benningmurethe*, and the Houses in the City, and *Wylcot*, and *Westum* in *Warewicshire*, and *Cownslade*, and *Deiglesford*, were utterly lost as has been before men-

(a) Hem. Ch. p. 75. 76. 296.

(b) 2 Tim. 24.

tioned. During these Controversies between the *Bishop* and *Abbot*, the latter died of the Gout, neither reconciled to, nor Absolved by the Bishop. *Wulstan* much concerned at this, fervently and frequently Offered up his Prayers unto God, on the behalf of his Soul; upon which he suddenly fell lame himself in his Thighs and Feet, insomuch that no Physicians could give him any Remedy. When he saw that no human Help was to be expected, he betook him to his usual refuge of Prayer, and as he told his Monks, one Night when he Prayed it was revealed unto him, that this infirmity had fell upon him, because he so often Petitioned for the Abbot's Soul; and if he desired to be Cured he should do so no more, and desisting from it within a few Days, without the help of human Medicines he became whole and sound (a). The truth is, such was the Iniquity of these Times, that the English were reduced to a miserable State; their Antient Nobility Slain or Fled, their Lands given to Strangers, and themselves Oppressed with heavy Taxes; their new Masters were fierce and Cruel, and Covetous to the last degree; their Provosts and Sheriffs instead of executing Justice and Judgment, were also fiercer than Thieves and Robbers, and more Cruel than the Cruellest of them (b). These things were followed with Plagues and other Diseases, and with Thunders and Lightnings, which destroyed both Men and Beasts; and with Famine by which Multitudes perished (c): till at last God put an End to the Tyrannical Reign of *William* the first, who came to an untimely Death in *Normandy* 1097. and could scarce obtain a quiet Funeral.

To him by Will succeeded his second Son *William Rufus*, but not without Opposition, and grumbling of several great Men, who

(a) Hem. Chart. p. 270.

(b) H. Hunt p. 212.

(c) W. Malm. p. 62.

in the Second Year of his Reign broke out into Rebellion against him, in Favour of his Elder Brother *Robert Duke of Normandy*: at which time our Bishop stood fast to his Allegiance, and did him no little Service. For when *Bernard de Novo Mercato*; *Roger de Lacy*, *Ralph de Mortimer*, Aided with the Power of *Roger de Montgomery* Earl of *Strabbesbiri*, entred in a Rebellious manner this County, threatning to Burn the City of *Worcester*, spoil the Church of *God* and *St. Mary*, and be revenged on those who continued faithful Subjects to their King: He immediately Armed his Family and Followers, and joyning with the *Normans* in the Castle which was then committed to his Charge, and with the Citizens who had taken up Arms in their own Defence; they went over *Severn*, and fell upon them as they were ravaging the Country; and particularly the Bishops Lands at *Wick*; and with Gods Assistance and Bishop *Wulstans* Blessing they totally discomfited them, Slaying and taking five Hundred Men, and putting the rest to Flight (a). The next Year 1089. *Indict.* 12. 3. *William* 2. 27. of his Pontificate he finished his Cathedral Church and Monastery, which he had Built new from the Ground, Southward of that which his Predecessor *Oswald* had Built before; and removed the Monks into it on *Whitsunday*, whose Number he had Augmented from little more than twelve to fifty; and at the same Time he Offered up at the High Altar his Deed; wherein he gave them for their better Maintenance fifteen Hides at *Alleston*, which had been for a long time withheld from the Church by Men in Power, but recovered by him from King *William*, with much Cost and Labour.

(a) Chron. Sax. Flor. Wig. sub. anno. 1088. W. Malm. L. 4. p. 67. 68.

The Original is now in the Possession of the Dean and Chapter of **Worcester**, and the Figure of the Bishops Seal Appendant thereto; I have here inferted (*a*).

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He also this Year gave them the Mill at **Capenhale**, in the Mannor of **Worwic** near **Worcester**, with the Miller and all his Money and the Land which he then Possessed, which was half an Yardland; they standing much in need of this, ad Supplendam necessitatem Uictus eorum, to Grind their Corn to make them Bread (*b*). It is further said of him that not only here at **Worcester**, but in all his Mannors belonging to the Bishoprick he took care to have Churches Built, and encouraged others to do the same in theirs (*c*). He not only took care of the Churches but of the Church-

(*a*) Sanctus Wulstanus Episcopus dedit Alveston est fere omnia manneria redemit. See the Survey of the Cathedral p. 31. (*b*) Hem. Chart. p. 424. (*c*) Ang. Sac. P. 2. p. 262.

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men ; for in the Year 1092. he held a famous Synod at Worcester : the Acts of which are as follows.

I WULSTAN, by the grace of God Bishop of Wigorne, have decreed to hold a *Synod* in the Monastery of St. Mary in *Criptis*, which I have Built from the ground, and by the Mercy of God have Dedicated. This *Synod* was held in the Year 1092. Indiction 15. Invited to this *Synod*, came all the Wifest-Men from the three Shires in our Dioceſs, *Wigraceſſe*, *Glouceſſe*, and *Warrrwicke*, Forasmuch as being full of Days, sensible of the weakneſs of my Body, and knowing the end of my Life to draw near, I deſired Canonically to Treat of the Eccleſiaſtical Affairs committed to our Charge, and by their Wiſe Counſel to correct and amend whatſoever is to be amended. Wherefore our *Humility* preſiding in this *Synod*, there aroſe a Queſtion between two Presbyters, *Alfnob* Priest of St. *Hellens*, and *Alan* Priest of St. *Alban*, concerning their Pariſhes and the Customs of their Churches. The Controverſy of theſe Priests held the *Synod* a long time: I deſiring Canonically to determine the ſame, commanded the Old Men, and thoſe who were beſt acquainted with the Antiquities of the Churches, or Pariſhes of *Wigraceſſe*, to declare the truth concerning the Inſtitutions and Pariſhes, not only of the two forementioned Churches, but of all the Churches in the ſaid City. And becauſe the Monks in the miſt of theſe Diſputes, aſſerted that they ſhould ſuffer Loſs of their Rents, juſtly due to them from their Church of St. *Hellens*, by reaſon of the long Diſcord between the two Priests ; I commanded that together with the Inſtitutions of the other Churches, they would alſo give an Account of the Rights of the Mother Church. To make this Scrutiny by my order were choſen, *Thomas* Prior, *Alfere* Secretary, *Godric Pirl* Chamberlain, *Ubtred* Chanter, *Agelric* Archdeacon, *Edwine* his Brother, *Frederic*, *Agelmar* Priests, with many others. All theſe

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having consulted togethet, returned to the *Holy Synod*, and Affirmed that there was no Parish in the whole City of *Wigornestze*, but that of the *Mother Church*, to which *St. Hellens* had been a *Uicaridge*, from the Times of King *Ethelred*, and *Theodore* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, when this *See* was founded, and *Bosel* made first Bishop thereof, in the Year of our Lords Incarnation 680. Indiction 7. This *Institution* was kept inviolable by the Clerks, serving therein from the Time of the aforesaid *Bosel*, through the Times of all the succeeding Bishops, to that of *Oswald* Archbishop; who with the Help of King *Edgar*, and the Authority of Holy Father *Dunstan* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, transferred and changed the Congregation of this Church, from the irregular Conversation of Clerks, to the regular Conversation and Habit of Monks, in the Year of our Lords Incarnation 969. Indiction 12. *Winsias* Priest of *St. Hellens*, was then *Vicar* of this Holy *Mother Church*, who leaving the World took the Religious Habit upon him, as did the other Clerks upon the persuasions of *St. Oswald*, and he surrendered up the Keys of the Church, of which as *Vicar* he had been the Keeper, with Lands, Tithes, and other Rents, to the common use of the Monks. So that *Winsy* becoming thus a Monk with the rest, who had freely chose to be Converted with him; as well the foresaid Church, as the rest of the Churches which they enjoy to this Day, with the Lands, Rights of Sepulture, and all other Customs and Dignities Ecclesiasticall, which were heretofore the Property of the Clerks, passed in Right to them, and were settled to their common use, with the Assent of King *Edgar*, and of the blessed *Dunstan*, and *St. Oswald* Archbishops. In the third Year after his Conversion, blessed *Oswald* with the said Kings Consent, made this *Winsy* Prior over the Monks of this Church; and likewise granted to him and to the Priors his Successors, that they should be *Deans* over all their Churches and Priests, so that no *Dean* nor *Archdeacon*, should intermeddle with the Churches

or *Clerks* of the *Monks*, but by leave from the Prior. All Ecclesiastical Dues for these *Churches* he was to Pay, to the Bishop, whose *Cheif Dean* he was. Of these things as we have learnt them from our Predecessors, and have seen them observed in our Times, under your Predecessor *Aldred* and your Self, we are Witnesses. Therefore I *Wulstan*, approving this true Testimony, have put an end to the Controversy of the Priests, and have corroborated the same, with the Testimony of this Holy *Synod*, and our Hand and Seal: cautiously providing that no Dissention or Scandal shall hereafter arise about these matters. in this *Holy Mother Church*; between the *Monks* or any other Persons whatsoever. May Eternal Life in the Heavens be granted to those who shall observe this, ; but whosoever shall break it or alter it for the worse, may he be Condemned to Eternal Torments with the *Devil* and his *Angels*, Amen (a). As this Bishop grew Old in Years, so he increased in Goodness, and having finished the Monastery and Cathedral of *Worcester*, and regained the Lands which had been takee from it, during the Devastations of the *Danes*, and Rapines of the *Normans*, and put an end to the Controversy between his Parish Priests there: he turned his Eyes to the Monastery of *Westbury* in *Gloustershire*, not far from *Bristol*, Founded at first by his Predecessor *Oswald*, filled by him with Monks, and Honourably endowed with Lands. This Monastery through the Iniquity of Times, Negligence of the Priors, and Ravages of Pyrates, then wasted and Ruined; to the Praise of *God*, and our Redeemer *Jesus Christ*, and his Holy Mother *Mary*, he Studied to repair. As to the Lands taken away, and then in Possession of Laymen, some of them he recovered by Law, others he redeemed with his own Money, and restored them to the Church.

(a) Ang. Sac. p. 1. p. 542. 543. Titulus in Dorso Privilegium Sancti Wulstani de Ecclesia S. Elenæ et St. Albani sic lege et non *Wulstani*, habes etiam hanc Chartam in Registro Primo Decani et Capituli Wigorn, et in Hem. Chart p. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531.

viz. Two Hides and half an Hide, and half an Yard Land in *Westbyre*, part of the Land included within the Limits of the Monastery, and seven Acres of Land on the Eastside of the same. Part of the Wood called *Æschgraf*, and twelve Acres of Meadow; all these he gave them generously, exempt from Toll or Tribute, Royal or Episcopal Service, for the health of his Soul, and the Souls of all his Predecessors, and also of his Successors, who should preserve this grant untouched, or should in any wise augment it. Moreover he gave them in *Henbyre*, and in *Teoꝛlatune*, and in *Wice*, two Hides and an half, and twenty eight Acres of Land; the Churches of *Henbyre* and *Stoke*, with the Tithes bolnging to them. In *Berwic* one Hide and an half, and in *Hæfeldene* one Yardland, free from all Service besides that of the King. All these Lands with their appurtenances he gave to that Church, for the better support and maintenance of the Monks there: and this Deed he Offered up to God on the Altar of *St. Mary*, on the Day of her *Nativity* 1093. fifth of *William* the Second, and of his Consecration 31 that Day compleated, Indiction 1. To this his Deed of Gift were Witnesses *Thomas* Prior with all his Brethren of the Church of *Wigorn*, *Agelric* Archdeacon, *Ordric* Steward, *Fretheric* Chaplain, *Alfwinn* Son of *Berhtmar*, *Alfwinn*, Priest, *Alric* Chamberlain, *Aldred*, *Alstan* Constable, *Maurice* and *Frearwin* the Bishops Clerks (a).

Thus he spent his Days in doing good, and in Charitable Works, in which he continued to the End of his Life. Having always used on *Maunday* Thursday, to Wash the Feet of several poor Men, and that done to Feed them, and with his own Hands to Minister to them: the Year before he Died he sent to all his Bailiffs, that

(a) Hem. Chart. p: 421. 422. 423. 424.

against that Day out of every Village, they should send him Cloaths for one Man, Shoes for ten, Food for an hundred: when the Day came his great Hall was thrice filled with Poor, and on the first and second Time they went away, with Money in their Pockets, Cloathed, Shoed, and Fed: But when the third Company came, a Monk whispered him in the Ear and told him; that the Money and Raiments were almost all gone, and that his Stewards and Chamberlains could supply no more: what boot was it for him, to wash their Feet and afterwards give them nothing. The Bishop answered, let God's Command be done, his bounty will not be wanting that these may be Fed also: he had scarce done Speaking, when three Messengers one after another came and told him, That one had sent him some *Money*, another an *Horse*, and a third some *Cows*, upon which lifting up his Hands and Eyes to Heaven he rejoiced with great joy; not so much upon his own account, as for the sake of his poor Guests: the Monk also Wept for joy, and gave thanks to God, that He never failed those that trusted in him, and that he would not suffer *Wulstan* to be grieved no not for an Hour (a). On *Easter Day* following, he told his Servants that he would dine with many good Men, and ordered them to provide accordingly; they thinking he meant the Rich had invited them. But when the Day came, having filled his Hall with as many Poor as it would contain, he sat down to the Table along with them; the Steward full of indignation, told him it better became a Bishop to Dine with a few *Rich* Men, than with such a multitude of Poor, he answered they were the *Rich* who *knew the Will of God and did it*; that they were to be invited to a Feast who could not invite again, that God would recompence what thus should be lent unto him, that he was more pleased in sitting

(a) W. Malm. vita S. Wulstani, Ang. Sac. P. 2. p. 266.

down with them, than ever he had been when he fate and that frequently at the Kings Table (a).

The *Whitsunday* following he fell ill and took his Bed, upon which he sent for his old Friend *Robert* Bishop of *Hereford*, who came to him immediately, and Confessing his Sins unto him, he received from his Hands the *Discipline*; for so the Monks call their being beaten with Rods on their naked Backs. From that Time to the Feast of Circumcision, he was sometimes better sometimes worse, and frequently confined to his Bed; for a slow and lingring Fever still hung about him, and brought him to his end. Eight Days before it happened he received *Extream Unction* from *Thomas* then Prior, and every Day after the *Holy Eucharist* till he died, which was on the nineteenth Day of *January* one thousand ninety five, 8 *William* 2. aged about 87. having fate in this See thirty three Years, four Months, one Week, and four Days (b).

He oftentimes spoke of his own Death; but once very particularly, when News was brought him of the the Decease of his own *Sister*; now said he The Plow is come to my Furrow, and the *Brother shall follow the Siister not many Days hence* (c). His Patience in his Sicknes was very remarkable, and he frequently comforted those who stood crying about him. To the Monks who feared the Government of another Bishop, he said, *cease your groans, wipe up your Tears, for I shall not loose my Life but change it, nor shall I ever be wanting to you: but as I shall be nearer to God when this Earthly Tabernacle is dissolved, so shall I be more ready to help you; upon my entreaty Prosperity shall come unto you,*

(a) Ang. Sac. P. 2 p. 266.
Authors about his Age and Death are regulated; see also Hem. Chart. p. 421. 571. (c) W. Malm. p. 160. b.

(b) Ibid. P. 2. p 267. where the different accounts of

me defending you, Adversity shall depart from you. Happy Tongue which out of the abundant Treasure of a good Conscience, durst pour out such words of Security in the Ears of Men. Others with Groans and Sighs desire that they may be Prayed for: he promised that he would pray for others. What of miracle is this? was he conscious of no Sin? here Holy Simplicity spake; Simplicity that knew not how to diffide in the Mercy of God (a). His Body being washed was carried into the Church, and lay exposed on a Beer in his Pontifical Habit before the high Altar for three Days, the dead Corps lively representing the Sweetness of the living Bishop; on the fourth Day he was buried on the left side of the said high Altar between two Piramids, with a covering of arched Stone: his Obsequies were performed by Robert Bishop of Hereford, his old and intimate Friend, to whom he had appeared some few Days before he deceased, and said audibly to him, *if you will see me alive make hast and come to Wigorne before I die.* He was then at the Kings Court, and with his leave he hastned to come to him, and being got within one Days journey, as he lay down to rest, Bishop Wulstan again appeared to him, and said, *thou hast done all that pious Love could do, but thou art frustrated of thy desire for I am departed. But my dear Friend, take care of thy self, and provide for thy future Salvation, for thou shalt not stay long after me: and lest thou should'st think it to be a vain phantastick vision, this shall be a Sign unto thee of the truth of it; to morrow after thou hast committed my Body to the Ground, which these three Days has expected thy coming, there shall be given thee as from me a Gift, which thou shalt know to be mine.* When he awoke he came on to Worcester and buried him, which done being ready to depart, the Prior kneeling offered him the Present, saying, may it please your

(a) Ibid. W. Malm. p. 160. b.

Lordship to accept of your Friends Cap which he used to wear when he rode abroad : hearing this, and knowing the gift, he turned pale and trembled, and calling the Monks into the Chapter, he there with Tears and Sighs answerable to the Occasion, told them all that had happened, and how the Vision had been exactly fulfilled : and then commending himself to their Prayers he departed, glad of the Admonition, and ever after Sollicitous with holy Fear. *Wulstan* died in *January*, nor did *Robert* outlive *June* (a). *Florence* says that this *Robert* Bishop of *Hereford*, died the 6th of the Calends of *July* on a Wednesday, to whom *Wulstan* first appeared as he lay at *Crikelade*, on his road to *Worcester*, and a second time after he had been dead thirty Days, when he sharply reprehended him for his Negligence, and admonished him to take great care, as well for the Amendment of his own Life, as the Amendment of those committed to his Charge : which if he did, he told him he might quickly obtain the Pardon of his Sins, and expect to be with him eternally blessed in Heaven.

The Character that our Historians give of Bishop *Wulstan* is worthy to be mentioned. They say he was of moderate Stature, well made ; of good Health, which by the strictness and regularity of his Life continued to him till old age. That he was very *Chast*, the Spirit of which he asserted to be divinely given to him. That he was very *Temperate* and abstemious ; his meals Short and not frequent, and when according to the Custom of the *English*, they sat after dinner and drank full Glasses, he contented himself with a little one. At first he did eat Flesh, but one Day as he celebrated Mass near a place where they were roasting a Goose, the Smell of it took him off from his Devotions, which being displeased at, and not able to conquer it by reason he was Hungry, he made an oath by the

(a) W. Malm. p. 163.

Sacrament which he then touched, never more to eat of that sort of Meat as long as he lived, and he not only kept his Vow, but by degrees came to eat no Flesh at all. That he was very *Humble*, the most remote from the haughty insolence of the Times he lived in. When he put on the Bishop he put not of the Monk: was ready to give advice to the Meanest Person that came to consult him, and to grant them what they asked if fitting for them without any delay: given to no Flattery, nor any Flatterers acceptable to him: doing Justice to Poor and Rich alike, and never receding from it for the Fear of great Men; when praised for any Good he gave God the Glory, and assumed it not unto himself: when blamed by any one he imputed it to the Mans ignorance, and at the same time rejoyced in the Testimony of his own Conscience; but this happened very rarely, for loving and carrying himself to every one as if he were his own Child, every one loved him and looked on him as if he were their common Father; he becoming all things to all Men. As for his Cloathing it was not gay or rich, but clean and plain; void of all Pomp, but not wanting of Decency; rather to keep out the Cold than to set off the Body: to this end he made use of woollen Garments, and when exhorted to clad himself with Furrs, *Believe me* says he, *I never heard chanted Cattus Dei but Agnus Dei*, and therefore would not adorn himself with *Martins* but *Lambskins*. That he was very *Charitable*; his Chamberlain wherever he went brought his Purse along with him, which was the Poor Mens Treasury; for that no one ever begg'd an Alms of him and went away without it. That he was very *Devout*, piously brought up from his youth, and exercised in good Works to his dying Day. He spent not his Time as others did after Mafcurforily said, in sotting or pampering himself or gaming or in worldly gain; but having Devoutly performed that Office, the rest of the Day was chiefly taken up in reading the *Holy Scriptures*, in Prayers and divine Meditations. Standing, lying down, walking, or sitting, always in his Mouth a Psalm, always

ways in his Heart his Saviour. Whilst in a lower Station, he often continued in the Church all Day; and there frequently Baptised the Children of the poor People: for a wicked Custom had then got among the Priests not to give Baptism without Money. When he visited his Diocess, he said Mass himself, and preached himself, and eat not till he had blessed certain Boys that came to him, and this he did from Morning till the Afternoon. 'Tis said he frequently confirmed two or three thousand in one Day, and this even in his old Age, so as to tire eight Priests that successively attended him with the *Chrismatory*: Those that came to him to Confession he received kindly, heard them patiently, reprov'd them meekly, so as many from all Parts of *England* came to him for Ghostly Counsel and Advice, and among the rest *Harold* afterwards King, and that sometimes thirty miles out of his way to Confess his Sins unto him, and to receive Absolution from him. Wherever he was he always went into the Church to Sing Mattins, let it Hail, or Rain, or Snow, and the way never so dirty, thither would he go to do it. He heard Mass constantly twice a Day, and sometimes would sing the third himself. When he took a Journey as soon as he got on Horseback he began the Psalter, and made no Pause till he had ended it, and when it was ended, he added to it the Litanies and many Collects and Vigils, with Vespers for Souls; if the way was long and Time to do it, he repeated the Psalter. When he came to his Inn he entered not his Chamber till he had said his Prayers in the Church: and these he had caused to be erected in all his Manors; and in these Houses of Prayer after Mass said, he frequently shut himself up till Dinner Time, there to contemplate on Divine matters. Whether at the Kings Court or at his own Table he never sat down to eat without saying Grace. In hot weather it was his Custom to ly down and refresh himself with a little Sleep; but he could not do it unless somebody read to him, either a portion of the Holy Scripture
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or the Life of a Saint: if the Reader did his Duty he seem'd to Sleep; as soon as he left off he awaked. He suffered not the publick Worship to be performed negligently: if any of the Monks or Clerks through Drowsiness or Drunkenness came not to Mattins, he was sure to reprove and to correct them: he always rose early himself, and by his Example excited others to do the same.

If necessity called him to a County Court, at his entrance he bestowed his Curse on bad, his Blessing on good Juries. Then sitting down, if any good was in Dispute he diligently attended to it; if any worldly matter he slumbred. If any thing was said against himself, his Answers were not dull but sharp, for he was not so unlearned as *Lanfranc* and the *Normans* took him to be: tho' he did not understand the Greek and Latin Authors, and was ignorant of the Fables of the Poets; yet he understood other matters well enough: tho' he was not skilled in Syllogisms and Scholastick Disputes, yet he could make a very handsome Discourse, and that Extempore upon Divine Subjects, so as to draw Tears from his Auditors, whilst he movingly spake on the Joys of Heaven, and on the Pains of Hell. In a word he did more good, and more powerfully persuaded from the goodness of his own Life, which was futable to the Soundness of his Doctrine, than they did from the greatness of their Eloquence, his *Preaching was not with enticing Words of Mans Wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of the Power of God*. He was very carefull not only for the Souls, but the Bodies of the Faithfull, not suffering any to ride through a Churchyard, or trample on the places where they lay buried: when he heard of the Death of any Person he said a *Pater Noster* with the three Psalms, *Laudate Dominum omnes gentes* (a), *De profundis* (b). *Laudate Dominum in Sanctis* (c), and after a Prayer for the repose of

(a) Psalm 117.

(b) Ps. 130.

(c) Ps. 150.

the Soul; he made a short or a long Discourse upon the Subject as the Time permitted: and not only on Sundays and Holydays, but every Day caused a Mass to be said for Souls departed.

He promoted Piety and Charity abroad as well as at Home, and especially among the Brethren of the Benedictine Order. Not long after his being made a Bishop, he entred into a Fraternity or Fellowship, with *Ægelwig* Abbot of *Evesham*, *Wulfwold* Abbot of *Chester*, *Ælfsige* Abbot of *Bath*, *Edmund* Abbot of *Pershore*, *Ralf* Abbot of *Winetelcombe*, *Serlo* Abbot of *Gloucester*, and *Elfstan* of *Worcester*, and all their Brotherhood; that they would truly serve God, St. Mary, and St. *Benedict*, and be faithful to their Sovereign Lord King *William*, and their Lady *Maud*, and be true one to another as if they were one Monastery, one Heart, and one Soul: that every Week on Mondays and Frydays they would Sing two Masses in each Mynstre for all the Brotherhood, for those that were living, and for every Brother that died, and do other Acts of Charity in Washing, Feeding, Shoeing and Cloathing Poor Men (a). And when *Thomas* was Prior, he with the Monks here at *Worcester*, made another agreement, with Abbot *Alwyn*, and the Brethren at *Bamsey*, that they also would be as one Monastery, performing all devout Offices one for another, and have all things Common (b). It is no wonder if many Miracles are reported to have been done by so good a Man, especially in an Age fruitfull of Legendary Stories; those who take pleasure in reading of them, may find them in his life wrote by *William* of *Malmsbury*, in *Flourance*, in *Capgrave* and others. I shall here mention but one of them, not much amiss, as setting forth the Necessity of *Peacemaking*

(a) Hick. Dis. Epist. p. 19, 20. U. 1. Lit. Sept. vid. Append. N. 2. MSS. Bibl. Bodl. N. 2588. 3. 13. 6. et Regi. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wigg. App. N. 3.

(b) Inter. Cod.

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and of forgiving others, as we would have Forgiveness of our Offences at God's Hand. Being called by *Serlo*, Abbot of *Gloucester*, to consecrate a Church there, he made a Discourse to the People, in which, among other things, much he said of Peace so movingly, that several that had been long at Variance immediately forgave each other, and were reconciled: there was one among them, who by no Admonitions or Persuasions could be wrought on to forgive his Enemy the Death of his Brother; to whom, being come into the midst of them, and after much said to him, he persisting in his Uncharitableness, he said, *Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Sons of God. It is certain, that if the Peacemakers are blessed, and the Sons of God; then those that are at Variance are miserable, and the Sons of the Devil: I commend thee to him whose Son thou art, and deliver thee up unto Satan for the Destruction of the Flesh, according to the Command of the Apostle, that thy Spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord Jesus (a).* He had scarce finished these Words, but the miserable Man now in the Power of his Enemy, began to gnash his Teeth, to foam at the Mouth, his Hair to stand upright, and being thrown to the Ground, there to roll about as one distracted. *Wulstan* intreated to be merciful unto him, put it off for some Time; but at length pressed hard, and overcome with Tears, he commanded Satan to be gone, who departed as readily as he came: when come to himself, and desired to forgive the Crime, with wonderful Imprudence he refused: a second Time tormented, and again released, he still refused: but the third Time, when shattered in all his Limbs, through the Agitations of the Evil Spirit, and ready to expire, then he made Peace, and was reconciled, and ever after continued whole and safe until his Death. He is also said to have the gift of Prophecy, and this Instance is given

(a) W. Malm. de gestis pont. l. 4. p. 160. Angl. Sacr. P. 2. p. 258

us of it ; that when *Aldwine*, one of his Monks, who with one *Guido* had led a heremitical Life in the Chace of *Malvern*, came to consult about a Resolution they had taken up of visiting the Holy Land, he dissuaded him from it, saying, *Aldwine*, do not stir from the place where you are, *believe me, if you knew what I do, the great things God will do there by you, you would wonder* ; relying on which Words he returned to the Wilderness, and patiently went on in the same course of Life, till in a little Time he drew to him several Persons one after another, to the Number of Thirty, who took on them the Habit of *St. Benedict*, the Neighbours bringing them Victuals, and thinking themselves happy in bestowing any thing on such Servants of God : what was wanting to them Faith supplied, they little minding carnal Food, whilst they daily grew fat with Spiritual Joy (*a*). And this was the first Original of *Malvern* Abby, which continued in a flourishing Condition till the Dissolution by *H. viii.* and the Church there still remaining is one of the finest we have in this County. The Miracles wrought by him after his Death *W. of Malmesbury* tells us were innumerable, that it surpassed the Faculty of the most Eloquent to set them forth, that no one ever came to his Tomb with Faith, that departed without what he prayed for, that if he had his deserts he would have been fainted before his Time (*b*), and this he wrought in the Reign of King *Stephen*. But tho' the Incredulity of those Times, under the pretence of Caution, hinder'd it then, yet afterwards the Fame of his Miracles still increasing, he was with great Solemnity canonised by Pope *Innocent ix.* 9 Kal. of *May*, MCCIII (*c*). He was the Twenty fourth and last *Saxon* Bishop of this See (*d*), and was succeeded by

(*a*) *W. Ma'm. L. 4. de gestis Pont. p. 160.* (*b*) *Ibid p. 161.* (*c*) *Annales Wig. (d) 24us. S. Wulfstanus, cujus tempore Willelmus Rex confirmavit nobis possessiones nostras. Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. f. 2. b.*

SAMPSON a *Norman* of very Noble Blood, Canon of the Cathedral Church of *Bajeux*, situated on the *Aure*, not far from the Sea Coast of *Normandy*. His Brother *Thomas* was Archbishop of *York*, when he was promoted to this See. He was elected in the Year 1096. at the same Time that *Girard* was elected to that of *Hereford*. They came both together to be consecrated, by *Anselm* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in the Third Year of his Pontificate; but neither of them having received full Orders, he ordained the one both *Deacon* and *Priest*, and the other *Priest*, on the Saturday of the Fast of the fourth Month, at *Lambeth*; and on the Day following, seventeenth Kal. *July*, he consecrated them at *St. Paul*, four Bishops assisting him, viz. *Thomas* Archbishop of *York*, *Sampson's* Brother, *Maurice* Bishop of *London*, *Robert* Bishop of *Chetford* or *Notwich*, and *Gundulph* Bishop of *Rochester*, (a) *Godwin*, from *Nat. Paris* and *Westminster*, places their Consecration, in 1097. but falsely; for Sunday that Year fell not on the seventeenth of the Kalends of *July*, but it did so in the Year 1096. on which Day, Month, and Year, *Florence* and *Hoveden*, and others place it (b); and this was truly the Third Year of *Anselm*. This is confirmed by a Deed of his in *Hemmings Cartulary*, dated 1097. *Indict. 5. Epact. 4.* in the Second Year of his Pontificate, wherein he gave to the use of the Monks at *Worcester* the Church of *Heortlabiri*, with the Tithes, and one Hide of Land there (c), and not long after (for it was during the Reign of *William Rufus*) he gave them his Manor of *Cibritton* or *Ceburtone* (d). In the Year 1100. he, with *Gundulph* Bishop of *Rochester*, and *Harvey* Bishop of *Wangoz*, dedicated the great Church of *Gloucester*, which Abbot *Serlo* had built from the Foundation (e). In the Year 1101. he subscribed to a Deed of King

(a) Eadmer. Hist. Nov. L. 2. p. 35. Ed. Seld.
inter x. Script. p. 493. Sim. Dun. ib. p. 222.
F. 474. Hem. Chart. p. 575.

(b) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 474. Rad. de Diceto
(c) Hem. Chart. p. 426.

(d) Ang. Sac. P. 1.
(e) Flor. Wig. p. 469.

Henry the first, wherein he gave his Manor of **Thorp** to the Monastery at **Norwich**, which Bishop *Heribert* had erected, and translated his See from **Chetford** thither (a). In 1102. he was at a great Council held by Archbishop *Anselm*, wherein many Abbots, *French* and *English*, were deposed and deprived of the Honours they had unjustly acquired; amongst whom was *Guido* Abbot of **Perthore** (b). In 1108. his own Son *Thomas* was elected Archbishop of **York**, between whom and *Anselm* Archbishop of **Canterbury** there was renewed the Controversy about the Subjection of one Metropolitan to the other, during which *Anselm* died, 1109: upon whose Death the Bishops of the Province being summoned by the King, to know what was to be done in that Affair, he gave his Opinion downright against his own Son, that he should not receive the Pall sent him from **Rome**, without making his Profession of Canonical Obedience to the See of **Canterbury** (c). He was in great favour with King *Henry*, who granted to him and his Successors many Privileges, viz. that several Hides of Land in **Glocestreshire**, **Wirccestreshire**, and **Warwicsire**, should be taxed with his other Lands, and follow his Hundreds (d). And with his Leave and Confirmation, he granted to *Thomas* Prior of **Wirccestre** and his Brethren, the Church of **Wulverunhamtone** in **Staffordshire**, with Lands and Possessions, and all things belonging thereto, as freely and quietly as his Lord King *William* had given them to him. Witnesses to this were Archdeacon *Ailric*, *Frederic*, and *Ailwin* his Chaplains (e). He also confirmed to them the Gift of *Osbert* the Son of *Richard* of the Churches of **Burestune** and **Dudzenhull**, with their Chapels and Tithes (f). Notwithstanding this and his several other Benefactions to the Monks, his taking from them **Wessbury**, and re-

(a) Alf. Annal. T. 4. p. 187.

(b) Flor. Wig. p. 474. 475.

(c) Eadm. l. 4. p. 103. see

Append. N. 4.

(d) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. f. 4. b. see Appendix N. 5.

(e) Reg.

1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. f. 355.

(f) Ibid. p. 21.

placing there the Seculars, according to the first Institution of that Monastery, before the Times of *Oswald* and *Wulfstan*, was such a Crime as not to be pardoned ; and because he happened to die there, they gave it out, that it was a Judgment upon him for what he had done ; and yet at the same time they gave him this Character, that he was *a Man of great Learning*, and of no contemptible Eloquence, keeping an handsome Table for himself, and being very bountiful to others, in all things blameless, except in this Affair of *Welfbury* (a). He was the Twenty fifth Bishop of *Worcester*, and died on Sunday the third of the *Nones* of *May*, 1112 (b), and lies buried before the *Rood Loft*, where is now the Organ, at the bottom of the Steps going up into the Choir. Upon his Death the See was not immediately filled, no more than that of *Canterbury* was upon the Death of *Anselm*, which had then been void Three Years : and before another Bishop succeeded, on the 13. of the Kalends of *June*, or as others say of *July* (c), the Year after Bishop *Sampson* died, this City, with the Cathedral Church and Castle, were consumed by Fire, and one Monk, and two of their Servants, with fifteen Citizens, perished in the Flames (d). King *Henry*, to comfort them after so great a Disaster, did vouchsafe to give them a Bishop, one of his own Chaplains, by name

THEVLIVS (e), TEOLFVS (f), TEVLIVS (g), THIVLPHVVS (h), THEOPHILVS, TENVLIVS (i), THEWOLDVS (k), TEODWALDVS (l), THEOBALDVS (m), TIDVLF (n). He was a Prebendary of *Bajeux* in *Normandy*, as his Predecessor had been before him, and a Person of like Parts and Endowments with him. He received the Temporalities of this Bishoprick at *Windesore*, December 28. 1113 (o). but was not consecrated before the Year 1115. when

(a) Will. Malm. L. 4. de gestis Pont. p. 161. (b) Flor. Wig. p. 487. Hoveden. Ann. Wig. (c) Hoveden. p. 271. (d) See Survey of the Cathedral p. 4. (e) Ann. Wig. (f) Hoveden. (g) Will. Malm. de gestis Pont. l. 4. (h) Alf. Ann. T. 4. p. 287. (i) Chron. Joh. Brompton. p. 1615. (k) Reg. 2. Dec. et Cap. Wig. f. 6. a. (l) 16. p. 9. b. (m) Eadmer. p. 113. (n) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 175. a. (o) Flor. Wig. p. 488.

on Sunday the fifth of the Kalends of *July*, *Ralph* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, in the presence of many Bishops, Abbots, and Nobles, received from *Anselm*, the Popes Legate, his *Pall* from *Rome*; which having put on, he consecrated in a solemn manner this *Theulfus* or *Theobaldus*; *Richard* Bishop of **London**, *Roger* Bishop of **Salisbury**, *Heribert* of **Notwich**, *Ralph* of **Chichester**, *John* of **Bath**, and *Harvey* Bishop of **Ely**, assisting (a). In the Year 1117. he gave to his Monks his Fishery at **Beverey**, and all that belonged thereto, with some Land in the Suburbs, for making better Provision for their Table (b); and he confirmed to them the Churches of **Bureston** and **Dudzenhull**, which *Osbert* the Son of *Richard* had given them for the health of his Soul (c). On the ninth of the Kalends of *November*, 1121. he with *Richard* Bishop of **Hereford**, *Urban* Bishop of **Glamorgan**, and *Gregory* Bishop of **Dublin**, consecrated the great Church at **Cewkesbury** (d). I find nothing more of him, but that he died at his Manor of **Hampton** 20th of *October*, 1123. on a Saturday, and was buried by his Predecessor *Sampson* (e). In the beginning of the Year 1125. the King then in **Normandy** gave this Bishoprick to

SIMON, Chaplain, or, as some say, Chancellor(f), or perhaps both(g), to his second Queen *Adeleide* Daughter of *Godfrey* Duke of **Lovain**; after *Easter* he came into *England* along with the two Archbishops *William* and *Turstan*, and with *John de Crema* Cardinal of **Rome**. He was honourably received at **Worcester** on the Eighth of *May*, being then *Holy Thursday*, from whence he went to **Canterbury**, where the Archbishop ordained him Priest, *May* 23. and the next Day consecrated him Bishop, *Richard* of **Hereford**, *David* of **Bangor**, and *Sigfrid* of

(a) Eadm. p. 113, 114. (b) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. p. 6. a. see Appendix N. 7. (c) ibid. p. 21. (d) Flor. Wig. sub anno (e) Angl. Sacr. P. 1. p. 475. Alford in his Annals T. 4. p. 287. places his Death in the Year 1124. and quotes Mat. Paris and Florilegus for it, who under this Year have these words, *Eodem Anno defuncti sunt Theophilus Wigornensis et Ernulfus Roffensis Episcopi*; but it is a mistake, for the 20th of *October* in the Year 1124. was not on a Saturday, and the *Annales Roffenses* (in Wharton's *Anglia Sacra* T. 1. p. 343) tell us that *Ernulf* died 1123. (f) Annal. Waverl. p. 148. Flor. Wig. (g) Godwin.

Chichester, Bishops, assisting. Returning to **Worcester**, on the Eleventh of the Kalends of *July*, he was there enthroned with great Solemnity, in the Presence of *Richard* Bishop of **Hereford**, *Godfry* Bishop of **Bath**, *David* Bishop of **Bangor**, *Guy* of **Perthore**, *William* of **Gloucester**, and *Godfry* of **Winchcomb**, Abbots of his own Diocese, *Dominick* Prior of **Evesham** supplying the Place of his Abbot, who was sick, and *Walker*, Prior of great **Malverne** (a). The same Day he was enthroned, he consecrated *Benedict* Abbot of **Teukesbury**; this Year he also subscribed, with many other Lords and Prelates, to King *Henry's* Charter to the Abbey of **Reading** (b). He was not present at the great Council held at **London** in the Year 1127. for he was then beyond Sea visiting his Parents (c) : but he was present at that held there on the Kalends of *August*, 1129. about Clergymens Wives (d). On the fifth of the Ides of *January*, 1130. he consecrated *Reginald* a Monk of **Gloucester** to be Abbot of **Evesham**, and on the third of the Nones of *August*, *Walter Lacy* to be Abbot of **Gloucester**. On *Rogation Sunday* this Year, he was at the Dedication of the new Church at **Carterbury**, with the King and many Nobles (e). In 1131. at his Palace at **Blockele**, he consecrated *Serlo* a Canon of **Salisbury**, to be Abbot of **Cirencester**. In 1133. great part of his City of **Worcester** was again burnt down by casual Fire, and the Cathedral Church much damaged. In 1136. he, with *Robert de Braci* Bishop of **Hereford**, consecrated the Church at **Lanthony** near **Gloucester**, to the honour of *Mary the blessed Mother of God* : it was so called from the Prioery of **Lanthony** in the Mountains of **Wales**, of which Bishop *Robert* had been formerly Prior ; and when it was wasted and spoiled by the *Welshmen*, through his Interest the Monks were removed hither (f). In 1138. he consecrated *Robert* a Monk of **Cluny**, and said to be related

(a) Flor. Wig. Rad. de Diceto inter decem Script. p. 504. (b) Alf. Annals T. 4 p. 292. (c) Flor. Wig. (d) H. Hunt. p. 220. (e) Chron. Sax. sub. anno. (f) Angl. Sacr. P. 2. p. 321, 322.

to the King, Abbot of **Winchcomb**, and on the 12th of the Kalends of *December*, *William* Abbot of **Perthore**. In 1139. he, with others, was summoned to a Council at **Rome**, whither he went with *Theobald* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, *Roger* Bishop of **Coventry**, *Robert* Bishop of **Exeter**, *Reginald* Abbot of **Evesham**, where they were all honourably received by the Pope. During his absence King *Stephen* came to **Worcester** within the Octaves of *Easter*, and was received with a solemn Procession of the Clergy and Laity; but within a few Months after came the Forces of **Maud**, and took the City, burnt part of it, and spoiled the whole (a). As to the Character of this Bishop, *William* of **Malsbury**, who was cotemporary with him, tells us, that he was *highly esteemed for his Affability, for the sweetness of his Temper, and for his Munificence, as far as consisted with the Revenues of a small Bishoprick* (b). We have several Instances of this in our ancient Registers, not mentioned by any of our Historians; he gave in perpetual Alms, to the Monastery at **Worcester**, his Priory of little **Malvern**, with the Church of *St. Giles* there, situated and built on his Demesne, and in his Fee, ordering it to be one inseparable Body, as well in Cohabitation as in Profession, with **Worcester**, so as no Man should be admitted to take the Habit in little **Malvern**, without the Consent of the Bishop, Prior, and Convent of **Worcester**, but to be received with a joint Will and Benedictions; as also that it should be lawful for the Prior of **Worcester**, by way of Correction, to remove the Monks of **Malvern** to **Worcester**, and place Monks of **Worcester** in their Rooms, and that the Prior of **Malvern** should be chosen in the Chapter of **Worcester**, as one of the same Body (c). He restored to them the Right they formerly had to the Church of **Westbury** in **Salso Marisco**, with its Appurtenances, to wit, the Chapel of *St. Wareburge*, situated upon **Hembrie** Hill, and the Chapel of **Cumbtune** :

(a) Flor. Wig.

(b) W. Malm. p. 161.

(c) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 9. b.

And he the more readily gave them the Investiture of the same, for as much as he knew the Monks of *Worcester* had served God there in the Times of blessed *Oswald* and *Wulstan*, and had been imprudently put out by Bishop *Sampson* (a). He restored to them also *Lawern*, and gave them five Marks yearly out of his *Toll* at *Worcester*, *Peter-pence* to the value of twenty Shillings, the Tithe of his Hay at *Northwic*, *Wich*, *Kemesey*, *Rippel*, *Breodun*, *Fladberie*, *Hantun*, *Stratford*, *Penbyri*, and *Heortlebyri* : The Land which *Roger* the Baker held of him, and all his Land at *Cestrehulle* : The Churches of *St. Swithun* and *St. Martin*, in *Worcester*, and restored unto them the Church of *St. Mary* in *le Strand* at *London* (b), and confirmed to them the Church of *St. Hellens* (c). Moreover he confirmed unto them in a very solemn manner all their Lands and Possessions, viz. *Croppethorne*, *Methertun*, *Cerletun*, *Seggesberge*, *Ouerbyri*, with *Penedoc*, *Cantertun*, *Tetintun*, with *Alfsigtun*, *Clive*, *Perferton*, with *Scirnac*, *Hyttone*, *Blacawelle*, *Scepeston*, *Alvestun*, with its Appurtenances, *Locceslee*, *Stoke* with its Appurtenances, *Fepsintun* with *Dunhamstede*, *Alwardeleg* with *Horselee*, and *Culleclive*, and *Burtun*, *Lindrugge*, *Newenham*, *Enichtetun* with its Members, *Hallage*, *Hynewic*, *Bradewasse*, *Ikecumbe*, *Citbyrichtune*, *Lypard*, *Laverne*, and a Meadow called *Kyngshan*, with one Yard Land, the Gift of *Walter de Beauchamp*, half an Hide in *Lench*, and Lands in the City and Suburbs, the Mill at *Capenhale*, the Fishery in *Severne* called *Beverburne*, the Fishery of *Hallage* and *Scedewelle*, half the Fishery of *Gymelee*, the Fishery of *Beverey*, and the Fishery of *Timberdune*, with all the Lands appertaining to them. The Church of *Hertlebyri* with the Chapel and Lands thereto be-

(a) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 10. see Appendix N. p. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

(c) Reg. 1. p. 8. b.

(b) Ibid. see Appendix N. 10, 11, 12.

longing, the Church of **Dudzenhull**, the Church of **Witstan**, the Church of **Bromwic**, **Arubbenhale**, and one Hide in **Pebbewithe**, the Tithe of **Cloptun**, Chirchset from **Lappewyth**; the Tithe of **Pirie** and **Himeney**, five Salt Furnaces in **Uich**, and two Salt pits or Vats; the Churches of *All Saints*, *St. Andrew*, *St. Martin*, and *St. Swithun* in **Worcester**; the Tithe of his Wine at **Fledebyri**, **Rippel**, and **Salt-marsh**; the Tithe of his Hay at **Hertlebirri**, **Hembiri**, **Nozwike**, **Wike**, **Kemsey**, **Fledebyri**, **Rippel**, and **Bredun**, five Mark Rent out of his Toll at **Worcester**, the Church of *St. Helens*, with **Lawern**, and its Appurtenances; and the Tithe of Wine at **Almelee**, the Gift of *William de Beauchamp*, and his Ancestors. This was done in their Chapter-house, *Tedbald* Archbishop of **Canterbury** being then present, 14 Kal. February 1148. Witnesses thereto, *Gilbert* Bishop of **Hereford**, *Roger* Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, *Godfrid* and *Gervase* Archdeacons, *Laurence* Prior of **Coventry**, *Gilbert* Prior of **Esslee**, and many others (a). Drawing near his end, he called to mind his giving the Church of *St. Mary le Strand* **London**, to one *Hugh*, the Brother of *Bertran* Clerk, in prejudice of the Right of the Church of **Worcester**, which touching his Conscience among the rest of his Sins, he confessed the same in the presence of the Bishop of **Hereford**, the Prior of **Worcester**, *Godfrid* Archdeacon, *Bernard* a Monk, and *Osbert* his Chaplain, and wrote a very pathetical Letter to the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, and another to the Bishop of **London**, acquainting them with the same, and desiring their Assistance, that for the Health of his Soul the said Church might be restored to its right Owners (b). He was the 27th Bishop of **Worcester**, and sat in this See twenty five Years, and departed this Life on the twentieth of *March*, 1149-50 (c). To him succeeded

(a) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. p. x. b. xi. a See Appendix N. 18.
 (c) Angl. Sac. P. 1. p. 475.

(b) See Appendix N 19, 20.

JOHN *de* PAGEHAM OR PAGAHAM OR PAGHAM : He was Chaplain to *Theobald* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, and was consecrated by him to this See *March* the fourth, 1151. as appeareth from his own Profession of Canonical Obedience, still reserved in the Archives of the See of **Canterbury**, says *Wharton* (a). Whilst he sat in this See, *William Peverell*, Son and Heir of *Peverell de Beauchamp*, came and surrendered up unto him all his Right and Title to *Codeston* or *Cuttesden* on the Hills, confirming the Grant his Father had made thereof to the Church and Monks of **Worcester**. Upon which, in his Presence, and with his Consent, the Bishop gave Prior *Ralph* the Possession of it, receiving his Homage, and reserving the Services due to him and his Successors; and for this the Prior gave to *Peverell* two Marks of Silver (b). *Godwin* tells us, he gave *Bibery* to the Abbey of **Osney**, and the Manor of **Elme Bishop** to his own See, but quotes no Authority. I believe he read **Elme Bishop** for **Clive Bishop**, mistaking the **C** for an **E** and the **iv** for an **m**, a famous Manor in **Glocestershire** belonging to this See for many Years. He was the twenty eighth Bishop of **Worcester**, and died at **Rome** Anno. 1158.

ALURED OR ALFRED, Chaplain to King *Henry* the first, succeeded him, and was enthroned on *Palm Sunday*, April 13, 1158. With his advice, and with the Consent of the King, *Osbert* the Son of *Hugh* gave to the poor Nuns of **Westwode**, for their better Maintenance, the Church of *St. Augustin* **Dudderhull**, the Monks of **Worcester** not then gainsaying (c). There is extant an Epistle to him from Archbishop *Theobald*, chiding and expostulating with him, for refusing to give his Consent, that one *Solomon* should be preferred to some Churches, perhaps in his own Diocese, when the Pope, the King, the Queen, Himself, and most of his Brethren with him, thought him worthy of such Preferment,

(a) *Angl. Sac. P.* 1. p. 475. (b) *Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig.* p. 17. b See Appendix N. 21. (c) *Ibid.* p. 22.

and requested the same (a). How long he sat in this See is uncertain, all our antient Historians agree that he died in 1160. says *Wharton*. *Alford* places his Death in 1161. and the *Worcester Annals* say he sat four Years, and that in 1162. *Fromund* Abbot of *Teukesbury* was consecrated by him here at *Worcester*, and that he then visited the *Convent* (b). Notwithstanding the Authority of *Halmesbury*, which *Godwin* and *Alford* follow, it is very certain, that he was the twenty ninth Bishop of this See, and immediate Successor to *John Pagaham*, as appears not only from what Mr. *Wharton* says in his Comment on the *Worcester Annals*, but from the first and most antient Register of the Dean and Chapter, where there is a particular Catalogue of forty of our Bishops, from *Bosel* to *Walter de Cantilupe*, which being imperfectly printed in *Hemmings Chartulary* and the *Monasticon*, I have inserted Appendix, N. 23.

ROGER his Successor was the Son of *Robert* Earl of *Glocester*, natural Son of King *Henry* the first. He was elected at the frequent Request of Archbishop *Anselm*, in March 1163. being young in Years, but old in Virtue, and eminent for Piety. He was consecrated on the Kalends of *September*, 1164. by the Archbishop, being the first Bishop he consecrated, and was enthroned on the fourth of the Nones of *February*, 1165 (c). He confirmed to the Prior and Convent all the Grants of his Predecessors concerning the Church of *St. Hellens*, and the Chapels thereto belonging, allotting, with their Consent, one Moiety of the Profits, to provide Food for the Monks, and the other to the Use of the Sacrist for ever (d). He also gave them the Church of *Wilsardeley*, as well the Tithes as the Lands of it for the Use of the Monks, reserving a sufficient Portion for the Vicar, and decreeing that of the usual Pension of five Marks paid therefrom to the

(a) Alf. Annal. T. 4. sub Anno 1161. Joh. Saresbir. Ep. 23. Append. N. 22.
p. 476.

(c) Angl. Sac. T. 1. p. 476.

(d) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 8. b.

(b) Angl. Sac. P. 1.

Convent, *three* should be paid yearly to the *Chamberlain*, and *two* to the *Chantor* (a). And a Controversy arising between the Monks, and *Thomas* Clerk, concerning certain Tithes of this Church of *Ulwardale*, it was delegated by the Pope to Bishop *Roger*, and to R. Archdeacon of *Positou*, to determine it, who made this Composition, that the said *Thomas* should hold for ever the Church of *Ulwardale*, in the name of the Monks, with all its Appurtenances, as well in Lands as in Tithes, except the Tithes of the *Demefnes* of the Monks, and to pay to them two Mark yearly in the name of the said Church, and a third Mark for the third part of the Tithe of the whole Village, antiently due to the Chamberlain (b). He and *Bartholomew* Bishop of *Exeter* were held in great Esteem by Pope *Alexander* the third, who called them the two great Lights of *England*, and delegated to them most of the Causes of this Kingdom that came before him (c). That between the Church of *Worcester*, and the Church of *Disney*, concerning *Bibery*, was delegated to *Bartholomew* alone, which, with Consent of *Roger* Bishop, and *Ralph* Prior, and the Monks that appeared for the Church of *Worcester*, and of *Edward* Abbot, and *Harding* Prior, and the Monks that appeared for the Church of *Disney*, was thus compromised : That the said Church of *Disney* should for ever hold and enjoy the Church of *Bibery*, with its Chapels, and all its Appurtenances, saving in all things the Jurisdiction of the Diocesan, paying therefore yearly in way of Recompence sixty Shillings to the Church of *Worcester*, in the Name of a Canon : That the Bishop of *Worcester* should place there one Canon of at least twenty Years old, and not infamous, who should follow the Rule of the House, and do Service for the Church and Bishop of *Worcester* : And lastly, that all and singular of the Convent of *Disney* should

(a) Ibid. p. 6. (b) Ibid. (c) Girald. Camb. de vitis sex Episc. Coetan. Angl. Sac. P. 2. p. 425.

offer up the same Prayers for the Bishop of **Worcester**, as they did for their own *Founders* and *Abbots* (a). Both *Roger* and *Bartholomew* adhered firmly to *Thomas Becket* Archbishop of **Canterbury** in all his Sufferings, of which there are abundant Proofs in several of the said Archbishop's Letters; after whose Murther *Roger*, with others, was sent by King *Henry* the second 1171. on an Embassy to *Alexander* the third, to assure that Pope, that he had no hand in the same, and neither commanded or approved of it (b). In 1175. he was at a great Council held at **Wodstoke** before both the Kings *H. 2.* and his eldest Son *Henry* on the Octaves of the Nativity of *St. John Baptist*, with many other Bishops, and all the Abbots of **Canterbury** Diocese, about electing a Bishop of **Notwich**, and choosing Abbots for **Grimesby**, **Croyland**, **Chorney**, **Westminster**, **Canterbury**, **Battle**, **Widre**, **Abington**, and **Abotesbirch**, all then void (c). And this Year, on the fifth of the Ides of *April*, he confirmed to the Monks the Grants of **Buraston** and **Doderhull**, and at the same time ended the Controversy between them, and *Osbert* the Son of *Hugh*, concerning the Patronage of *All Saints* in **Worcester**, that the same should remain in the Possession of the said *Osbert* and his Heirs, the Parson presented by him, paying yearly half a Mark to the Monks (d). *Osbert* had another Controversy with them about the Church of *St. Clements*, which *Hugh Poer* and *Richard de Grestun* had given to the Monks; he asserting a Right thereto, as depending and belonging to his Church of *All Saints*: But *Roger* by his Episcopal Authority determined it to be a free Chapel of the Monks, and to owe no Subjection to *All Saints* (e). In 1176. vii. Id. Nov. he assisted the Bishop of **London** in consecrating *Peter*, Prior of **Wenlock**, to be Bishop of *St. David's*. In 1177. he was at the great Council of the Land held at **London**, about the making peace between the Kings of **Castile** and **Navarre**, and subscribed as a Wit-

(a) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. p. 30. Append. N. 24.
311. b.

(d) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 22. b. 24. a.

(b) Angl. Sac. P. 1. p. 476.

(e) Ibid. p. 24. b.

(c) Reg. Hov. p.

ness to the King's Deed determining the same (a). About this time *Simon de Mans* gave to the Prior and Convent of **Worcester**, for the Souls of his Father and Mother, and his own, the Advowson of the Chapels of **Dodenham** and **Knightswich**, which Bishop *Roger* by his Deed, sealed with his Seal, confirmed to them (b). In 1178. the Monks, not pleased with *Osbert's* Gift of the Church of **St. Augustin Doderhull** to the poor Nuns of **Westwode**, in the time of Bishop *Alured*, did now reclaim the same; but *Ralph* the Son of *Stephen*, the King's Chamberlain, with others, standing by them, it was referred to Bishop *Roger*, who ended it thus: That the Monks should have the Church of **St. Augustin**, and that the Nuns, in lieu thereof, should have all the Land of **Clethal**, with the Meadow, and all its other Appurtenances, the Tithes of their Lands, which they held in the Parish of **Doderhull** at the time of the making of this Composition, to wit, the Tithes of **Westwode**, the Tithes of the Land of **Clethal**, and the Tithes of the Land of **Cruche**, the Sepulture and the Obventions of all that dwelt on their said Lands, free from any Claim to be laid to them by the Parson of the Church of **St. Augustin** (c). Some say that this Year he went again to **Rome**, and was present at the *Lateran Council*, whence returning, he died at **Tours** in **France**, Aug. 9, 1179. and was there buried (d). But *Hoveden* tells us, that there were but four Bishops that went out of **England** to that Council, and those he says were *Hugh* Bishop of **Durham**, *John* Bishop of **Notwich**, *Robert* Bishop of **Hereford**, and *Reginald* Bishop of **Bath** (e). He was remarkable for many Virtues, and much commended for his regular Life and strict Execution of Church Discipline. When he heard of a certain Person's being elected to a Bishoprick, of which he was altogether unworthy, he wrote to *Richard* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, by whom he was to be consecrat-

(a) Rog. Hov. p. 320, 324.
(d) Angl. Sac. P. I. p. 476.

(b) Reg. I. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 14. a et b.
(e) Hov. p. 332. a.

(c) Ibid. p. 22. a et b.

ed, and to the rest of his Brethren, to this effect: *I neither do consent, nor ever will consent to that Election, nor do I nor will I subscribe to it, nor do I afford my Presence at his Consecration, nor will I ever hereafter, and you know why. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.* When the said Archbishop Richard refused to consecrate Roger, elected Abbot of *St. Augustin Canterbury*, even after the Pope had admonished him so to do; *Alexander* wrote to our Bishop as the fittest Person to represent him, commanding him in his Name, and by his Authority, to do the same (a). That he was of an undaunted Spirit is evident from what happened to him at *St. Peter's in Gloucester*, as he was celebrating Mass at the High Altar; one of the great Towers at the West end of the Church suddenly fell down with such a terrible Noise and Dust, that the Multitude got out as fast as they could, but he, with one or two Monks that forsook him not, went on in performing the Divine Service unmoved (b). It is further said to his Praise, that all the time he sat in this See, which was near upon twenty Years from his being first elected to it, he never gave any Rents, either in *Lands* or *Ecclesiastical Benefices*, to any one of his Relations, mindful of the saying of Pope *Alexander* the third his Cotemporary, "*Filios Episcopis Dominus abstulit, Nepotes vero Diabolus dedit.*" The Lord hath taken away Sons from Bishops, but the Devil hath given them Nephews (c). It is lastly said of him, that he was for *Purity* a *Lily*, for *Modesty* a *Rose*, for *heavenly Conversation* a *Violet*, for *pleasant Company*, *Musick*, a *Pillar of Justice*, and an *immoveable Rock of Defence* to the *Distressed* (d). His Successor in this See was

BALDWIN born in *Exeter* of mean Parentage, but carefully bred up by them in Literature and Piety, so that he became a shining Light unto the People: He was first a *Schoolmaster* there, then entered into

(a) Clon. W. Thor. 1. p. 1823.

(b) Girald. Camb. de vitis sex Episc. Coetan. Angl. Sac. P. 2. p. 428.

(c) Ibid. p. 428, 429.

(d) Alf. Annal. T. 4. P. 2. f. 115. ex Quadrilogo l. 1. c. 22.

Holy Orders, and being a learned Man was preferred to an Archdeaconry, which after some time he voluntarily resigned, and took upon him the Habit of the *White Monks*, amongst whom he behaved himself so well, that he was soon chosen by them to be Abbot of **Ford** in **Devonshire**, and within some few Years was from thence called to the Bishoprick of **Worcester**, consecrated thereto at **Lambeth** on St. *Laurence* Day, *August*, 10, 1180, and from hence promoted to **Canterbury**, elected thereto 2 *December*, 1184. and solemnly installed there *May* 19, 1185, being the first Monk of the *Cistercian* Order that ever was made Archbishop there (a). Whilst he sat in the See of **Worcester**, when he committed the Cure of Souls of the Church of St. *Augustin* *Doderhull* to *Adam* the Son of *Edwin*, he allotted the yearly Pension of an hundred Shillings to be paid by him and his Successors to the Monks of **Worcester**, and testified the same by his Letters, when *Archbishop* (b). He was of Complexion somewhat swarthy, his Countenance that of a plain well meaning Man, very comely, of moderate Stature, of good Habit of Body, slender, and not too thick, for Manners modest and sober, and of such Abstinence as Fame durst never stamp any sinister Report of him ; slow to Anger, and of few Words, pious and studious from his Youth. He accompanied K. *Richard* to the **Holy Land**, and there died at the Siege of **Acon** (c). He had for his Successor in this See

WILLIAM *de* NORHALE or NORHAL : He was a Prebendary of St. *Paul's* **London**, and in 1177. made Archdeacon of **Gloucester**. He was chosen by *Ralph* Prior and the Monks of **Worcester** 1186, and presented to the Archbishop at **Westminster** by the said Prior *Ralph* on the Feast of St. *Matthew*, *September* 21. and was the same Day by him consecrated, together with *Hugh* Bishop Elect of **Lincoln**, in the

(a) Angl. Sac. P. 1. 477. Godwin. Antiq. Brit. N. 25.

(c) See Antiq. Brit. Godwin.

(b) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 23. See Appendix

Chapel of Saint *Katharine* there. He was the Fifth Bishop that the said Prior *Ralph* had chosen and presented to the Archbishop to be consecrated (a). Whilst he sat in this See, before King *Henry* died, he had a Controversy with *William de Ver* Bishop of *Hereford*, claiming the Service of one Knight's Fee due for Lands held by him in *Inteberge*, as part of his Manor of *Fledeberie*, which the said Bishop denied, and said that there was due only half a Knight's Fee. Upon which Twenty four Knights were summoned to try the Cause, and they appearing before the King at *Kemeley*, the Bishop of *Hereford* not willing to stand to their Determination, or to give any further Trouble in it, acknowledged that he did owe the Service of One Knight's Fee for the said Lands; as appeareth by the Deed of the said King *Henry*: Witnesses thereto, *Baldwin* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Hugh* of *Durham*, *Hugh* of *Coven-*
try, *F. of St. David's*, Bishops, with several others (b). After the Death of this King *Henry*, his Son *Richard*, in the First Year of his Reign, by his Deed dated 15th of *September* 1189, gave to GOD and the Church of Saint Mary *Worcester*, and to *William* Bishop of the same, and to his Successors for ever, in perpetual Alms, for the Soul of his Father King *Henry*, and for the Health of his Mother *Alienor*, and for his own, Six hundred and fourteen Acres of Assart Lands, lying in several Manors belonging to the Bishop, free from all Pleas and Regards and Customs belonging to his Forests, and that they should not be looked upon as Assart Lands. Witnesses to this his Deed were *Baldwin* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Hugh* of *Lincoln*, and others (c). We meet with nothing more concerning him during his sitting in this See, which was not long, for he died in the Year 1190. on the Third of *May*,

(a) Rad. de Diceto p. 631. *Radulphus de Bedeford* quinque Episcopos Wigorniensis, sc. Johannem anno 1150. Aluredum 1158. Rogerum 1163. Baldwinum 1180. et Willelmum 1186. ordine elegit, et Archiepiscopo consecrandos presentavit, *Ang. Sac.* P. 1. p. 477, 548. (b) Lib. Rub. p. 120. Lib. Albus p. 41. Giff. p. 299. See Append. N. 26. (c) Reg. 1, Dec et Cap. Wig. p. 44. a. Lib. Alb. p. 42. See Append. N. 27.

say some (a), others on the Second, and one, *M. Paris*, on the 28 of *March*; the First of these is confirmed by the *Worcester Annals*, which also tell us that on the *Ides of July* following

ROBERT, only Son and Heir of *William* Seneschal of *Normandy*, a Prebendary of *Lincoln*, and Archdeacon of *Nottingham*, through the Interest of *William* Bishop of *Ely*, then *Lord High Chancellor of England*, was elected Bishop of this See, and his Election confirmed by *Gilbert* Bishop of *Rochester*, Vicar to the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, then in *Syria*, who had complained of his being elected without his Consent (b). He, with the Bishop of *London*, claimed also the right of consecrating of him, the first as *Chaplain*, the other as *Dean* to the Archbishop, and both insisted that it should be done in the Metropolitcal Church. *Robert*, impatient of Delays, obtained a Mandate from Pope *Clement*, that he might be consecrated by *William* Bishop of *Ely* his Legate, at *Westminster*. Several Bishops being there called together on this Occasion on *Palm Sunday, April 7, 1191*. the Monks of *Canterbury* appeared, and insisted on his being consecrated in their Church, which, upon due Consultation had, was assented to, and there it was performed by the said Legate, and six other Bishops, the fifth of *May* following (c). He enjoyed this Bishoprick but a little while, for he died *June 14*, according to the *Annals of St. David*, *June 30*, according to those of *Cheekesbury* and *Winchcomb*, 1193: Upon whose Death

HENRY de SOILI, who, from being Prior of *Bermundsey*, had been in 1189 made Abbot of *Glastonbury*, was elected *Dec. 4*, and consecrated at *Canterbury* by Archbishop *Hubert* the 12th of the same Month, and inthronized *Jan. 6* following. He was promoted to this See, that the Abbacy of *Glastonbury* might be given to *Savaricus* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, who much desired it. He confirmed to the

(a) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 477.

(b) Gervasii Chron. p. 1554, 1565.

(c) Angl. Sac. P. 1. p. 477.

prior and Convent, the Pensions they used to receive in the time of his Predecessors from the Churches of **Worcester**, viz. From *All Saints* half a Mark, from *St. Clement's* half a Mark, from *St. Martin's* one Mark, and from *St. Swithun's* fifteen Shillings (a). And he also confirmed to them the Right they had to the Advowsons of the Chapels of **Dodeham** and **Knitewich** (b). And gave an yearly Pension of two Mark from their Church of **Overbury**, and half a Mark from their Chapel of **Werrow**; the one Moiety thereof for their better Refreshment in their Refectory on the Feast of the *Transfiguration* of our *Lord*, and the other on the Day of his *Anniversary*, and to be given in Alms for the Health of his Soul, and of the Souls of his Predecessors (c). He died on the 24th or 25th of *October*, 1195 (d), and was succeeded by

JOHN de CONSTANTIIIS. He was Nephew of *Walter de Constantiis*, translated from the Bishoprick of **Lincoln** to the Archbishoprick of **Roan** in 1184, where he made this his Nephew Dean in 1189. He was consecrated to this See, 14 *Cal. Nov.* 1196, by *Hubert* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, at **Stratford** near **London**, and installed on the 28th of the same Month (e). When he was elected it is not said, but it must be soon after the Death of his Predecessor *Henry*. For on 25 *June*, 1195, King *Richard* the first, in the Seventh year of his Reign, granted to *John* Bishop of **Worcester**, and his Successors, a weekly Market, to be held every *Thursday* in his Manor of **Stratford** upon **Avon**, **Warwickshire** (f). And on the fifth of *October*, 1196, in the eighth Year of his Reign, before the Date of his Consecration, the King granted to him and his Successors, the same Liberties and Privileges in his Manors of **Hertlebury**, **Hembury**, and **Alvinechurch**, as he had in his other Lordships (g). *John* Earl of **Moreton** granted to him Liberty to assart in his own Wood in the Forest of **Malvern**, near to the Mill

(a) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 25. a. see App. N. 28.

(c) Reg. 1. D. et Cap. Wig. p. 33. b. see App. N. 30.

(f) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wig. five Extenta et Charte p. 43. see App. N. 31.

(b) Ibid. p. 114 see Append. N. 29.

(d) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 478.

(e) Ibid.

(g) Ibid.

of **Wenland**, three hundred Acres of Land, for the use of the Church of **St. Mary Wigorn**, to hold to him and his Successors for ever, and to do therewith what they would, free from all Exactions of his Foresters. Dat. 31 *July*, the eighth Year of King *Richard*. And *Elizabeth* his Countess the next Day confirmed the same (a). This Bishop granted to the Prior and Convent twenty Shillings Sterling yearly out of the Revenues of their Church of **Clive**, viz. seventeen Shillings for to make a *Pittance* on the Festival of Saint *Roman*, and three Shillings for to provide a Light for the Church (b). This good and pious Bishop died 24 *Sept.* 1198, and was buried on the North Side of **St. Mary's** Chapel, before the High Altar there. He was succeeded by

MAUGER or **MALGER**, Archdeacon of **Evreux** in **Normandy**, and Physician to King *Richard* I. He was chose before the end of *August* 1199, but his Election was rejected by the Archbishop, because not lawfully begotten, upon which he appealed to the Pope, and went to **Rome**, where *Innocent*, admiring the Elegancy of his Person, confirmed the same, and consecrated him on the 4th of *June*, 1200, being *Trinity Sunday*. He made his Profession of Subjection to his Metropolitan, in the Church of **Canterbury**, *Oct.* 29, and was installed in his own Church, *Nov.* 12 in the same Year (c). Whilst he was only Bishop Elect, King *John* confirmed unto him his Brother *Richard's* Grant, made in the eighth Year of his Reign to his Predecessor, of divers Privileges in his Manors of **Hertlebury**, **Hembury**, and **Alvinechurch** (d). In 1201, **St. Wulstan** began to work Miracles on the 14 of the *Calends* of *February*, which lasted that whole Year, and longer; so that sometimes fifteen, sometimes sixteen, were cured in one Day of all their Diseases. The next Year, the Cathedral Church, with its adjacent Offices, and great Part of the City, were burnt down on the fifteenth of the *Calends*

(a) Lib. Alb. Episc. five Extenta p. 128. b.
E. 1. p. 478.

(d) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wigorn, five Extenta. p. 43.

(b) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 30. b.

(c) Angl. Sac.

of *May*. And on *St. Giles* Day following came to *Worcester*, by express Command of the Pope, *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Eustace* Bishop of *Ely*, the Abbots of *St. Edmund* and *Wilburn*, to inquire into the Truth of *St. Wulstan's* Miracles, who being fully satisfied of the same, returned with Joy, and sent Letters thereof to the Pope by *Walter de Bradwas*, and *Randulph de Evesham*, Monks here, whereon, on the ninth of the *Calends* of *May*, 1203, he was canonized at *Rome* with great Solemnity (a). In 1204 Bishop *Malger* replaced the Bones of Blessed *Wulstan* in the same Grave from whence they had been irreverently removed by his Predecessor (b). In 1205 he had a Controversy with the Abbot of *Evesham*, and obtained Sentence that it ought to be subject to him; but in the Year following it was given against him at *Rome*, and exempted from his Jurisdiction (c). In 1207 King *John* came to *Worcester* about the Feast of the Nativity of the *Virgin Mary*, and having paid his Devotions to the Tomb of *St. Wulstan*, he gave the Prior and Convent great Privileges in their Manors of *Lindridge*, *Wulwardely*, *Stoke*, and *Clive*, and One hundred Marks to repair their Cloyster and Offices (d). In 1208, after having put the Kingdom under an Interdict, he fled to *France* with *William* Bishop of *London*, and *Eustace* Bishop of *Ely*, and there he died ann. 1212, on the Octaves of *Saint John Baptist* (e), at *Ponthieu*, the Year before Peace was restored to the Kingdom and Church of *England* (f). Before he retired into *France*, he was a Benefactor to the Priory of *Little Malvern*, giving to the Monks there yearly out of his Woods on the Hill of *Malvern*, and elsewhere, sufficient Fewel for their Kitchen, Bakehouse, Brewhouse, and other Offices, with One Oak to be set out by his Woodward; to enable them to keep the better Hospitality, and to relieve the Poor and Strangers. This he did for

(a) Ann. Wig.
(f) Ibid.

(b) Ibid.

(c) Ibid.

(d) Ibid.

(e) Ibid.

the Love of God, and blessed Mary, and the Souls of all his Predecessors, beseeching his Successors to confirm this his Grant. In regard whereof the Monks promised, at the Death of every Bishop, to celebrate their Exequies and Anniversaries: Witnesses thereto, *John de Cernay, Jordan de Wych, Peter Horsemun, Roger de Culn, Ernard de Bath, Mattheu de Canterbury, John de Wygorn, William de Bois, Richard de St. Patern*, Clerks, and many others. *Randulph* Prior of *Worcester*, upon the Death of *Mauger*, was by the Monks unanimously chosen their Bishop, but at the Instance of *Nicholas* Bishop of *Tusculum*, the Pope's Legate, he receded from that Election, and was by him made Prior of *Evesham* (a). Upon which succeeded

WALTER de GREY, the King's Chancellor, who had been chosen by the Canons of *Lichfield* their Bishop, in Opposition to Prior *Josbert*, whom the Monks of *Coventry* had elected (b). But both their Elections being annulled by the Pope's Legate, the former was made Bishop of this Diocese on the 20th of *January* 1213. (c). and laying down his Chancellorship, his Election was confirmed by the King on the 5th of *February*; and the Interdict, which had lasted six Years and three Months, being taken off on the 3d of *July*, he was consecrated at *Canterbury* the 5th of *October* following, and translated to *Worcester* in 1215 (d). King *John*, in the 16th Year of his Reign, gave leave to this Bishop *Walter* to assart and plow up 29 Acres and a half of his Wood at *Fladbury*, without View or Opposition of his Foresters. This Deed bears date 15th *March*, 1214. (e). He confirmed to the Prior and Monks the Church of *St. Hellens* in *Worcester*, reserving fifteen Marks yearly to the Vicaridge (f). And he gave them the Church of *Clive* near *Evesham*, for their better supporting Strangers,

(a) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wigorn. f. 92. et Horl. V. 2. f. 9. et 10.
(d) Ibid. P. 1. p. 482.

(e) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wig. P. 44, 45.

(b) Angl. Sac. P. 1 p. 482.

(c) Ibid. 446.

(f) Reg. 1 Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 8. b.

and relieving the *Sick*. This Deed bears Date 4 Cal. *March*, 1214. and was confirmed by Pope *Honorius*, 1216 (a). He also recovered of *Fiand de Mileton* (who had married the Heiress of *Ralph de Overci*) the Lordships of *Eston* and *Ablinton*, with their Churches, and the Advowson of the Church of *State*; but the Manor of *State*, with two Hides and an half in *Ablinton*, remained to *Ralph* (b). It was written in the Cloyster Windows, that he gave *Grimley* and *Mitton* to the *Prior* and *Monks*; but, all things considered, he rather restored them (c). He was of noble Parentage, and of the Family of the *Greys*, now Dukes of *Kent* (d).

SILVESTER de *Everham* succeeded to Bishop *Walter*. From a Monk of *Worcester* he became Prior there on the 12 Cal. of *February*, 1215, and was chosen by them their Bishop the third Day of *April* 1216, and was consecrated *July* 3 at *Perugia* in *Italy* by Pope *Innocent* III; and returning home from the *Lateran* Council, was enthroned on the Nativity of the *Virgin Mary* following; and soon after he buried King *John* in his Cathedral Church before the great Altar, between Saint *Oswald* and Saint *Wulstan*, according to a Prediction of *Merlin's*, that *he should be placed among the Saints* (e). It was part of the said King's Will, that his Corps should be laid there (f). and on the Day of his Sepulture, *Guala* the Pope's Legate, and *W. Mareschall*, Earl of *Pembroke*, assigned to the Prior and Monks, for the Enlargment of their Monastery, that part of the Castle which was of the King's Fee, as far as to that which was of the Fee of *Walter de Beauchamp*; and on *Easter Eve* 1217 it was surrendered up unto them by Letters from the King, signed with the Seal of the said *W. Mareschall*, his Guardian, and Regent of the Kingdom; and Bishop *Silvester* excommunicated all those that should do any thing to hinder it (g). This Grant was

(a) Reg. 1. Dec. & Cap. Wig. p. 31. (b) Angl. Sac. P. 1. p. 482. (c) Survey of the Cathedral, p. 32.
 (d) Peerage of Engl. p. 150. (e) Et inter Sanctos collocabitur, Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 483. Annal. Wig. sub
 anno 1216. (f) Testamentum Regis Joh. see App. N. 33. (g) Annal. Wig. sub. anno 1217.

afterwards confirmed by the King himself in the thirteenth Year of his Reign (*b*). This Year he laid a heavy Tax upon all the Clergy of his Dioceſe, and in the next, on the Seventh of the Ides of June 1218, he ſolemnly conſecrated the Cathedral Church (which had been burnt down with an accidental Fire in 1202) to St. *Mary*, the Mother of God, the bleſſed Apoſtle St. *Peter*, and the holy Confefſors *Oſwald* and *Wulſtan*; and he particularly dedicated the great Altar to St. *Mary* and St. *Oſwald*, and the other to St. *Peter* and St. *Wulſtan*. There were preſent young King *Henry*, *Peter* Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, *Richard* of *Salisbury*, *Hugh* of *Hereford*, *Ralph* of *Chicheſter*, the Biſhops of *London*, *Norwich*, St. *David*, *Landaff*, St. *Aſaph*, and *Bangor*; the Abbots of St. *Edmund*, St. *Alban*, *Weſtminiſter*, *Reading*, *Abingdon*, *Ramſey*, *Peterborough*, *Glouceſter*, *Shrewsbury*, *Biſtol*, *Cirenceſter*, *Eveſham*, *Cheokesbury*, *Winchcomb*, *Perſore*, *Bardoney*, and *Alceſter*, with many other Abbots and Priors from divers parts of the Kingdom. There were alſo preſent the Earls of *Effex* and *Hereford*, *Walter de Lacy*, *Walter de Clifford*, *Hugh Mortimer*, *Walter Beauchamp*, *William Briwerre*, *John Mareſcall*, *Robert Corbet*, *John Strange*, Barons, and an infinite Number of other Noblemen and Gentlemen (*i*). The ſame Day, after the Dedication of the Cathedral, the Corps of St. *Wulſtan* was put into a New ſumptuous Shrine, the old One having been melted down two Years before, to enable them to pay the Tax of three hundred Marks laid upon them for their ſubmitting to *Lewis* the *Dauphin*, and receiving *William* the Son of *William Mareſhall*, to maintain his Intereſt amongſt them (*k*). Soon after this he died at *Ramſey*, July 16. and was brought hither, and buried on the 20th; which ſome ſay was a Judgment upon him, for having with his own Hands ſawed in two ſome of the Bones of St. *Wulſtan*, and divided them in ſeveral Places, of which it ſeems he gloried (*l*). Before he died, the Manor and Patronage of *Eton*,

(*b*) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 44. ſee App. N. 34, 35. (*i*) Ang. ſac. P. 1. p. 483, 484.
 (*k*) An. Wig. ſub anno 1216. (*l*) Annal. Waverleienſes, p. 184.

or **Aston**, was granted to him by *Ralph de Wylyton* and *Olympia* his Wife (*m*), and was called afterwards **Bishops Aston**, and **White Ladies Aston**, because those Nuns had Lands granted them therein. He also petitioned the King for the Disafforesting of the Forests of **Ambresly** and **Howewell**; but though then he could not obtain his Suit but only for eight Months (*n*), yet it was done afterwards in 1229, in the 13th Year of that King's Reign (*o*).

WILLIAM de BLEIS, Archdeacon of **Buckingham**, succeeded, much against the Wills of the Monks, who would have chosen a Bishop themselves out of their own Body; but *Guala* the Pope's Legate hindered them: However, by the Advice and Persuasions of the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, they consented to his Election, and he was consecrated at **Westminster** 7 Oct. 1218. and enthroned the fifth of the Calends of *November*, on the Day of *St. Simon and Jude* (*p*). In 1229 he held a *Diocesan Synod*, at which the Abbot of **Evesham** appealed, because he was not allowed to wear his Mitre, nor sit next to the Bishop. In this, and in another held under him not long after, many good Constitutions were made (*q*). In 1220 he visited his Convent, and examined very strictly both into their spiritual and temporal Affairs, which was the beginning of a great Controversy between them; the *Bishop* endeavouring to depose the *Prior*, and the *Prior* appealing to *Rome*, from whence the next Year he received Letters from the *Pope*, injoining that neither he nor his Successors should be turned out, before the Cause was first heard by his Delegates. The Bishop appealing, the Prior was forced to go for *Rome*, and there in 1222 the Pope suspended him from his Office, and upon his return, the Bishop deposed him, and placed *William Norman*, Prior of **Malvern**, in his Room, which was the occasion of many Vexations and Troubles all the next Year, but at last was happily ended in the Year 1224, by *Stephen* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, *Jocelin* Bishop of **Bath**, and *Henry* of **Lincoln**, R. Abbot of **Evesham**, and *Symon*

(*m*) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wig. p. 58.
Wig. p. 44. a.

(*p*) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 484.

(*n*) Annal. Wig.

(*q*) Ibid.

(*o*) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap.

of Reading, with several others, who thus decided the Controversy between them: That *William Norman* should resign all his Right and Title to the Priory, which he did, and had the *Manor* of **Clive** assigned to him for his Maintenance during his Life. That for the future, whenever the Priory was vacant, the Convent should choose and present unto the *Bishop* seven of the most eminent Monks amongst them, out of which he was to choose one without delay to be their *Prior*. The Custody of the *Priory* to be in the *Bishop* during the Vacancy, but upon that account the Ordination of the Prior was not to be delayed; and if the *Bishop* should happen to go out of the Realm, he was to substitute a Person in his Absence to do the same. As for the Profits arising from the Tomb of *St. Wulstan*, at which it was said many Miracles were at that Time wrought, it was decreed, that they should be divided between the *Bishop* and the *Convent*. As to the *Bishop's* Visitation of them, before he entered their Chapter-House, he was to give them Notice, whether he intended to visit them in *Spirituals*, or in *Temporals*; if in *Spirituals*, he was to enter alone without his *Clerks*, if in *Temporals*, they might come in along with him. And lastly, that all things being restored that had been taken from them, all Rancor and Wrath should cease between them, and they should give each other the Kiss of Peace. This bears date the *Thursday* after the Feast of *St. Michael*, 1224 (r). This Year he laid the Foundation of a new Front to his Cathedral, and in the next he excommunicated all the Persons that were concerned in a great *Torneament* made in the City of **Worcester**. In 1233, the Controversy between him and the Priory of **Great Bal-vern** was ended, it had begun in Bishop *Roger's* Time about Subjection to the See of **Worcester**, the Abbot of **Westminster** claiming the same, as Patron of the Priory; but the Bishop gaining his Cause, he was on *Quinquagesima Sunday* admitted with a Procession of the Monks, and was feasted by them. On the Morrow he visited them, and preached

(r) Angl. Sac. P. i. p. 543, 544, 545.

unto them in their Chapter-House, and the next Year he visited them again (s); in which he also came to an Agreement with the Prior and Convent of **Worcester** about the Church of *St. Hellens*, the Cause being decided by Sir *William de Tyntone*, Rector of **Kemsey**, and Mr. *Nicholas de Grimeley*, to whom it had been referred, thus: That all the Profits accruing or belonging to the Chapel of *St. Hellens* on the eastern Side of **Severn**, should belong to the Bishop, saving the Maintenance of Vicars in the Body of the Chapel of *St. Hellens*, and in the Chapel of *Cleines*; and that all the Profits arising on the Western Side of the River should belong to the Prior and Convent, for their better keeping of *Hospitality*, they to maintain Vicars in the Chapels of *Wick* and *Wichenford*, which were to be presented to the Bishop by the said Prior and Convent (t): And upon this Award, the annual Payment of eight Marks, which they received from the Church of *St. Hellens*, ceased. In 1235, he gave to the Sacrist the Church of **Sodbury**, for the better repairing and upholding the Cathedral Church of **Worcester**; and in 1236, on the Death of *William Furnells*, last Rector of **Bremesgrave**, with the King's Leave, he appropriated that Church to the Use of the Monks, and having ordained the Vicaridge, he admitted the Vicar upon their Presentation (u). He enlarged the Revenues of his Bishoprick by purchasing several Lands to it. He gave eight Marks of Silver to *Cecily de Evercy*, for the third Part of the Village of **Eston**, which she released to him before the Justices Itinerants, *Thomas Abbot of Winchcomb*, *Stephen de Segrave*, *Robert de Lexinton*, *William Fitzwarin*, and *Richard Musard*: and at the same time she released to him six Quarters and an half of Corn, eight Shillings, and a Gown prized at a Mark, all which she used to receive yearly of the Bishop for Services due from the Lands he held of her there (x). Of *Geofry de Cumpton* he purchased Lands in **Smelrugge**, for which he gave him twenty Marks (y). Of *William*, the Son of *Robert de Eftwud*, a Meadow in **Blkeley** for one Mark (z). Of Regi-

(s) An. Wig. sub anno. 7 (t) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. p. 60. Lib. Penf. p. 38. b. (u) Ann. Wig. (x) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wig. f. 58. b. (y) Ibid. p. 61. (z) Ibid. p. 63.

nald de Merstham, Lands in *Hanbury* near *Ulich* called *Stocking* for three Marks (a). Of *Adam de Wederoche*, a Meadow called *Longmedwe*, in the Manor of *Alvine Church*, for sixteen Shillings and half a Quarter of Wheat (b). Of *Prudence* the Daughter of *Thedelm de Alvine Church*, more Lands there, which *Hugo de Belne* confirmed (c). Of *Adam de Evekham*, Brother to Bishop *Silvester*, the Mill at *Fladbury*, and the Assart of *Blkeley*, for fourscore Mark (d). And of *Robert de Pendoc*, his Right of common of Pasture in the Manor of *Bredon* (e). He also built the Chapel of the Charnel-house, between his Cathedral Church and Palace, and under it he made a large Crypt, for the better depositing of the Bones of the Dead. He dedicated it to St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and ordered that Mass should be daily said therein for the Repose of his Soul, and of the Souls of his Predecessors, and of all the Faithful. Having sat in this See almost eighteen Years, he died on the fifteenth of the Calends of *September* 1236, and was buried in his own Cathedral (f). The Prior and Monks having wrote Letters to the King for Leave to elect (g), and to the Archbishop of *Canterbury* for the Officiality of the Bishoprick, during the Vacancy thereof, (h), and having obtained the said King's Licence, dated 24 *Aug.* in the 20th Year of his Reign (i), on the third of the Calends of *September*, which is the 30th of *August*, they chose

WALTER de CANTELUPE, a Son of Lord *Cantelupe*, to be their Bishop, whose Election was confirmed by the King, 12 Calends of *October*, and about *Candlemas* following he went to *Rome*, and was ordained *Deacon* by the *Pope* at *Uiterbium*, on the second of the *Nones* of *April*, and *Priest* on the fourteenth of the *Calends* of *May*, and consecrated by him on the fifth of the *Nones* of *May* 1237; which done, he returned into *England*, about the Feast of St. *Peter ad Vincula*, in Company of *Otto*, Cardinal Deacon of St. *Nicholas* in *Carcere Tulliano*, the *Pope's Legate*, and was inthroned on the third of the *Ides* of *October*, in the Presence

(a) Ibid.
p. 26, 27, 28.
App. N. 36.

(b) Ibid. p. 65.

(c) Ibid. p. 65, 66.

(f) Ann. Wig. et Ann. Theokesbirientes.

(h) Ibid. App. N. 37.

(i) App. N. 38.

(d) Ibid.

(e) Ibid. & Lib. Pens.

(g) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. p. 43.

of the *King and Queen of England, the Queen of Scotland, the Legate, my Lord of Canterbury, and many other Peers of the Realm* (k). In the Octaves of the Feast of *St. Martin* he was present at a great Council held by the Legate at *St. Paul's London*, where *Otto* designing to deprive many who held Ecclesiastical Benefices contrary to all Right, hoping by removing some, to make way to enrich his Friends, and oblige others base born to get Dispensations, and so to amass to himself a good Sum of Money, he was courageously opposed by this Bishop, who rising up, and taking off his Mitre, is said thus to have spoken, *Those who hold these Benefices, Holy Father, are Noble, and are either old or young; those that are old, have always hitherto lived very honourably, maintained a splendid Family, kept open House, and have been very liberal to the Poor: to reduce these to Poverty, would be most ignominious and scandalous. As for those that are young, they are fierce and stout, and will sooner take up Arms than leave their Preferments. I myself was always of this Opinion, that I had rather run the Hazard of all my Benefices, than under the Pretence of such your Constitution, to depose so much as one: we therefore beg you that you will in this matter take no less Care of Yourself than of Us, who in this Cause neither can nor dare oppose so generous a Multitude. But laying it now aside for your own and our Safety, when you shall return to Rome, advise the Pope to act cautiously and prudently herein* (l). The Legate frightened with this Answer, desisted from this Attempt, but went on with other Matters, and it is said, he deprived some who had immediately succeeded their *Fathers* in their *Benefices*, expressly contrary to the *Canons* (m). In 1238, by the Pope's Command, and with Consent of Bishop *Walter*, and *Alexander* Bishop of *Coventry and Lichfield*, it was agreed, That the Town and Churches of *Dudley*, being in *Worcestershire*, should belong to the Bishop of *Worcester*, and that the Castle and Monastery which were in *Staffordshire* should belong to the Bishop of *Coventry*. This same Year he

(k) Ann. Wig. & Ann. Waverl. p. 197.
 (m) Annal. Wig. sub anno 1237.

(l) Antiq. Brit. p. 167. Ed. Han. Mat. Paris, p. 448.

sued *Peter de Saltmarsh* of *Apton super manerio*, concerning the *Manor of Apton*; and the Year following, viz. 1239, obtained an yearly Rent of an 100 Shillings out of it, the Advowson of the Church, a Meadow, two Mansions, and half a Knight's Fee; and the rest remained to *Peter* (n). In this Year, being the third of his Pontificate, on the eleventh of the Calends of *December*, at *Cirencestre*, he confirmed to the Prior and Convent, the Tenths which they used to receive in the following Parishes, *Bradewas*, *Grimley*, *Dallaw*, *Sedgberewe*, *Uverbiri*, *Croptozn*, *Humilton*, *Wyke*, *Wychenford*, *Perforton*, *Clyve Prior*, and *Bremesgrave*; and moreover gave them the Church of their said Manor of *Bremesgrave*, with all its Appertenances, for their own Use, which Church his Predecessor had first granted to them (o). And this Year he consecrated the Conventual Churches of *Great Malvern*, *Winchcomb*, *Alincetre*, *Teukesbery*, *Glocester*, and *Perfore*. In 1240, he obtained of the King Licence to hold a Fair at *Blockley* for five Days, another at *Stratford* for four, and another at *Alvinchurch* for three, and a weekly Market there every *Wednesday* (p). This Year he held a *Synod* of his Clergy in his Cathedral Church, on the Feast of *St. Anne*, the Morrow after *St. James* the Apostle, wherein he made fifty nine *Constitutions* to be observed by the Clergy of his Diocese; they are printed by *Labbé* in his Councils, T. xi. P. i. p. 572. In 1241, he, with the Legate and others, called to the Council at *Rome*, went over Sea, and the next Year returned, and visited several Parts of his Diocese, had the Custody of the Priory of *Malvern* delivered to him upon the Death of *Thomas* the Prior, examined into the Election of *J.* his Successor, confirmed the same, and having sworn Canonical Obedience to him, his Official installed him, notwithstanding the Opposition of the Abbot of *Westminster* (q). In 1245, on the Eve of *Holy Thursday*, he went again for *Rome*, and came back to *Worcester* on *St. James's Day* 1246 (r), and in 1249, a Controversy arose between him and *William de Beauchamp*

(n) Ibid.
(q) Ibid.

(o) Reg. 1. Dec. & Cap. p. 53, b. See App. N. 39.
(r) Ibid.

(p) Ann. Wig.

concerning *Wrecks*, and seising his *Carts* and *Cattle* contrary to the Liberties of the Church, for which he excommunicated him; and the next Year went to **Lions** to the Pope's Court, and got the same there confirmed. In 1251 he came back, and was received with a Procession on St. *Dunstan's* Day, *May* 19. A little Time after, upon the Submission of *William de Beauchamp*, he absolved him, and those that had been excommunicated with him, in the Presence of the King, and several of his Nobles, on St. *Edward's* Day: upon which the King received him into Favour (*s*), and in 1254 chose him, and P. Bishop of **Dereford**, to go and meet W. Bishop of **Agene**, and G. Sub-dean of St. *Martin's* in **Tours**, the Agents of *Alfonso*, Son of the King of **France** and Earl of **Cholouse**, with them to inquire into what Damages their Subjects had unlawfully suffered, and to condemn those who have done the Wrong (*t*). On the 16th of *June* this Year, the King granted him all Pleas de *vetito Namio* in all his Lands within the Counties of **Worcester**, **Gloucester**, and **Warwick**: for which great Privilege, the Bishop acquitted him of six Marks yearly Rent, which he was bound to pay out of his Exchequer to the Priores and Nuns of **Wockshale** (*u*). In 1255, 2d of *April*, 39 of his Reign, he granted him *free Warren*, in his Lordships of **Hembury** in Salso Marisco, **Beybiri**, **Wythindone**, **Clibe**, **Bredone**, **Rippel**, **Kemesey**, **Wyke**, **Rowwyke**, **Hertlebyri**, **Alvinecherche**, **Fladebyri**, **Blakeley**, **Credintone**, **Stratford upon Avon**, **Eñon**, and **Rugges**, so that no one should hunt or kill Game there without the Bishop's Leave, upon the Penalty of ten Pounds (*x*). This Year *Rustand*, another of the Pope's Legates, came into **England**, and in a Synod, held the fifteenth Day after *Michaelmas*, demanded a large Sum of the Clergy, no less than 600 Marks from the single Monastery of St. *Albans*; and having got the King's Consent by promising him part of it, and gained many of the Clergy either by Threats or Promises, he thought his Business was done,

(*s*) Ann. Wig.
Extenta. p. 40. See Append. N. 40.

(*t*) Rymeri Fœdera, T. 1. p. 521.

(*u*) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wig. five
(*x*) Ibid. p. 41. See App. N. 41.

when after several Days debate, *Fulk*, Bishop of **London**, stood up and said, *Before I will consent to such an intolerable Oppression of the Church, I will have my Head cut off.* *Walter* immediately seconded him, and boldly said, *Before the Church shall be subject to such unjust Spoil, I will lose my Life at the Gallows.* The rest hearing this, took Courage, and they all promised to stand by one another, following the Steps of *St. Thomas* the Martyr in defending unto Death the *Liberty* of the Church (y). In 1256, *Rustand* the Legate and he were enjoined by Pope *Alexander* to fix a certain Time for those, who had been signed with the Cross, to go to the **Holy Land**, upon Pain of Ecclesiastical Censure. The Bull bears Date at *Anagnia*, 4 Non. Sept. the second Year of his Pontificate. In 1257 he recovered from the King the *Return* of *Writ*s. In 1259 or 1260, 44 H. 3. *William Aleyn de Wich*, by Fine past in the King's Court, recognized and granted, for him and his Heirs, to *Walter* Bishop of **Worcester** and his Successors, the yearly Rent of Tenpence, and thirty two *Mitts* of Salt, to be paid Quarterly; Eight at the Exaltation of *Holy Cross*, Eight fifteen Days after *Michaelmas*, Eight on the Octaves of *St. Martin*, and Eight on the Octaves of *St. Andrew* (z). In 1263, *R. Earl Ferrers*, *P. de Mountfort*, and *R. Son* of *Simon* Earl of **Leicester**, with other Lords, came and besieged the City of **Worcester**, and took it on the Second of the Calends of *March*. All that they found without the Church they plundered, together with the *Jewry*, killing some of the *Jews*, and imprisoning others. About this Time it was that he began to fortify his Castle at *Hertlebury*, but lived not to finish it. He joined with the Barons against the King, when he refused to accept of the Terms offered to him, and at the Battle of **Lewes** in 1264, he gave them Absolution, exhorted them to fight valiantly for the Remission of their Sins, and promised all such as should happen to be slain in so good a Cause, a speedy Entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. For this, *Guido* Cardinal *de Sabina*, the Pope's

(y) Mat. Paris. p. 915. Rymer's Fœdera, T. 1. p. 605. (z) Lib. Alb. Ep. Wig five Extenta. p. 142. a.

Legate, deprived him, and other Bishops his Accomplices, of the *Sacraments*, *sacris interdixit*, which Sentence they little regarded, appealing to a *General Council*. But Cardinal *Ottoboni* another Legate from the Pope, who came into the Kingdom on the Third of the Calends of Nov. 1265, seeing it necessary to inflict a severer Sentence upon them, excommunicated them all. *Walter* was then Sick of a fore Disease, and desiring to die in the Peace of the Church, he begged Pardon for what he had done, and was absolved by the Legate from that *Excommunication*. Soon after he departed this Life at *Blackley*, in the beginning of the Month of *February* 1265-6, and was buried in his Cathedral near to the High Altar, with great Solemnity (a). The Year before he died, he made a great Addition to the Chapel of the *Charnel House*, founded by his Predecessor *William de Bleis*, ordaining that there should be in the said Chapel continually resident four Chaplains, one of them to be a perpetual *Master*, in the Gift of the *Bishop*; that they should sing together in all Divine Offices and Canonical Hours according to the Use of *Sarum*, come to Chapel every Morning as soon as the first Bell should sound in the City, and to do the same in the Evening. One Mass daily to celebrate with Note before they went to the *Schools*, and after the *Lessons* three more, either with Note or without, for *Souls* departed. All to teach in the *Schools*, to eat and to sleep together in one House. The Master to pay out of twenty Marks allotted for their Maintenance, to every one of the three Priests an yearly Stipend of Twenty two Shillings; with the rest to buy Provisions, so as they might have daily a good wheaten Loaf, good Drink, and one good Dish of Meat. He was to keep one Clerk, and to provide Books, Lights, and Vestments, and one honest Servant to do the Offices of the House. They were to admit into their Company as few of the Laity as might be, and never any Women; not to gad abroad, or frequent suspected Places, but to have their Conversation honest as became Clergymen.

(a) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 496.

This bears Date on the *Saturday* next after the Feast of the *Purification* of the *Blessed Virgin* 1265 (b).

NICHOLAS, Archdeacon of *Ely*, and Chancellor of *England*, upon the Death of *Walter* succeeded, he was made Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, 18 *Oct.* 1260. and resigned it the Year following. In 1262 he was made Lord Treasurer, and on the 18th of *December* 1263, he received again the Seal. He was chosen to this See the 7 Ides of *May* 1266, confirmed the 13th of the Cal. of *July*, consecrated by Cardinal *Ottoboni*, the Pope's Legate, on the *Octaves* of *Whitsunday* the 23d of *May*, says *Thomas Wykes*; on the Sunday before *Michaelmas* the 26th of *September*, say the *Winchester Annals*; on the 19th of *September*, say those of *Worcester*, and that he was enthroned on the 26th (c). He was one of the twelve Persons pitched upon at *Kenelworth* by the King and Nobles to settle the Peace of the Kingdom (d), and was a Benefactor to his Monks, to whom he gave at his Death sixty Marks for Reedifying the Tower of their Church, thirty Marks to the *Pittanciary*, beside fifty Marks which he had given them before. He fate not long, for *John* Bishop of *Winchester* dying at *Rome*, *Jan.* 20. 1267-8. he was promoted by Pope *Clement* to that See on *St. Matthias's Day* following (e).

GODFREY GIFFARD, Brother to *WALTER* Archbishop of *York* succeeded. On the Fourth of the Calends of *May* 1267, he was admitted Archdeacon of the *West Riding* of *Yorkshire* (f), and that Year was made Lord Chancellor of *England*. Upon the Translation of Bishop *Nicholas* to *Winchester*, *February* 24, 1267-8, he was elected to this See before the 8th of *June* following; for on that Day, at *Windsor*, King *Henry* granted to the venerable Father *Godfrey*, Bishop elect of *Worcester*, Leave to build, fortify, embattle, and with Lime and Stone

(b) Lib. Penf. p. 27. see Appen. N. 43. Waverl. p. 223.

(c) Ang. Sac. P. i. p. 496. (d) Annal. (e) An. Wig. 1281. Sacrista N. de Norton cepit ab executoribus bonæ memoriæ Dom. Nicholai de Ely Winton. Epi. LX Marcas ad turrim ecclesiæ reedificandum, & eodem tempore recepimus ab eisdem xxx Marcas ad Pittanciam, & unam Bibliam, præter L marcas, quas nobis liberaliter prius donavit. An. Waverl. p. 224.

(f) Willis's Survey of Yor Cathedral, p. 92.

to finish his Castle at **Hartlebury**, which had been begun, but not completed, by *Walter de Cantilupe* Predecessor to Bishop *Nicholas* (g). When or where he was consecrated is not said, but it was before *Michaelmas* Day; for on the *Thursday* after his Register begins, and on *Christmas* Day following he was enthroned (h). As soon as he came to the See viii Kal. *November*, he appropriated *Grimley* and *Hallow* to the Prior and Convent, and sued *Robert de Esthulle*, *Hugh* and *Thomas de Cantilupe*, Archdeacons of **Worcester**, **Gloucester**, and **Stafford**, Executors of *Walter de Cantilupe*, for a Legacy left by *William de Bleys* in his last Will and Testament to the said *Walter*, and the succeeding Bishops, for ever, to be applied to the supporting and maintaining the Stock of Cattle on the Lands of the Bishoprick, and recovered 100 l. which was ordered by the *Official* to be deposited in the Hands of the *Prior* or *Sacrist* of **Worcester** for his Use, whilst he lived, and the Use of his Successors after him. It was paid him at **Westminster** on the Second of the Ides of *May* 1270, in the Second Year of his Pontificate; so that he was not elected till after the Second of the Ides of *May* 1268, and before the Eighth of *June* following, as was before said (i). This Year, *June* the 7th, 54 H. 3. he obtained a Grant from the King to keep a Fair at **Stretford** upon **Avon** for four Days, viz. the Eve of *Holy Trinity*, *Trinity* Sunday, and the two Days following. To keep another at **Blockley** for six Days, viz. three Days before the Eve of *St. Michael*, the Eve, the Day of *St. Michael*, and the Day following. And to hold a Third at **Alvechurch** for three Days, viz. the Eve of *St. Laurence*, the Day of *St. Laurence*, and the Day following, with a Market there every *Saturday*. The Bishops of **Worcester** had held a Fair at **Blockley** Time out of Mind, on the Eve and the Day of *St. Matthew* the Apostle, and on the Morrow, and on five Days following, in all *Eight* Days; and this Fair, at the Request of Bishop *Godfrey*, was enlarged to *Sixteen* Days by his Son, King *Edward* the First, as appears by his Grant da-

(g) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wig. intitulat. Extenta & Cartæ, p. 45. b. See App. N. 44.
Th. Wikes;

(i) Giff. f. 29. a & b. See App. N. 45.

(h) Chron.

ted at **Westminster** *February* the Fifteenth, in the fourteenth Year of his Reign, *viz.* *A.D.* 1285 (*k*). But to return to the Year 1270, on the 20th of *October*, King *Henry* gave him Leave to fortify his Palaces at **Worcester** and **Wyndinon** *Com. Glouc.* after the same Manner as that at **Hertlebury** (*l*). In the Fifth Year of his Consecration, he renewed the Suit with *William de Beauchamp*, the Son of *William de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, which had been begun by *Walter de Cantilupe* his Predecessor, for the holding *Affise* of Bread and Beer at **Aumelepe** within the Hundred of **Osvaldeslowe**, for taking *View* of **Frankpledge** within all his Manors in the same Hundred, for withdrawing the Suits of his Lands at **Bengworth** to the Court of his own *Barony*, for not suffering him to have free Warren in his Manor of **Breedon**, granted him by the King, under the Pretence of its being a Member of **Elmeley** (*m*), and for some other Grievances in the Parish of **Alvechurch**. To compromise this Matter, were chosen by the *Bishop*, Mr. *Thomas Wymundham*, and the Prior of **St. Thomas** of **Stafford**; by the *Earl*, the Abbot of **Evesham**, and Sir *Robert Walronde*, who met several Times to treat about it, at **Gloucester**, at **Winchester**, at **London**, at **Wodestoke**, at **Kyderminster**, at **Stratford** upon **Avon**, at **Stanley** in **Warwickshire**, at **Kenilworth**, and at **Winchester**, where it was at last ended in this *Manner*, in the Year 1279. That the Earl should pay to the Bishop, on the Feast of the *Assumption* of the *Virgin Mary*, in his Cathedral Church, six Marks yearly, by the Hands of his Bailiff of the Manor of **Stolton** near **Wadburwe**: That the Church of **Worcester** should, for the future, enjoy its Liberties without any Molestation; That the Earl should pay to the Bishop, 40*l.* 20*l.* to be paid at the Feast of **St. John Baptist**, and the other 20*l.* at the Feast of *All Saints* following, and upon Payment, to be secured by the Bishop and his Successors against a Bond of 1000*l.* which his Father had given to the

(*k*) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wygorn. f. 43, 44. See App. N. 46. (*l*) Muro de Petra & Calce firmare & kernellare ad modum Castri. Lib. Ab. f. 44. (*m*) Giff. f. liiii.

Church of **Worcester**, not to prejudice its Rights and Privileges, which said Bond had then been put in Execution. The yearly Rent of six Marks had been formerly paid out of the Exchequer to the Nuns of **Whorhale** in **Warwickshire**, but upon K. H. 3. granting to *Walter de Cantilupe* all Pleas de *Vetito Namio* in all his Lands belonging to the Bishoprick, he discharged the King from the Payment of the said six Marks yearly, and took it upon himself; and now agreed with the Earl, that at the next Sitting of Parliament, an Act should be procured for the Earl not to pay these six Marks to the Bishop and his Successors, but to the Nuns of **Whorhale**, and the See to be discharged therefrom (*n*). On the third of May 1273, he left his Diocese, and by **Ichull**, a Manor of his own, he came to **London** on the Tuesday, and on the Sunday following was at **Canterbury**, and on the Morrow went over Sea, and landed at **Whitford**, leaving Power with his Brother the Archbishop of **York**, by his Deed dated 2 Id. Maii, to dispose of all vacant Benefices during his stay in foreign Parts (*o*). In 1274, on the third of the Calends of May, the Sunday after the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, with Leave from the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, he consecrated *John de Chishull* Dean of St. Paul's, to be Bishop of **London**, several of his fellow suffragan Bishops assisting him (*p*). And on the fourth of December this Year, he confirmed and ratified the Composition made between his Predecessor Bishop *Bleys*, and the Priory and Convent of **Worcester**, concerning the Custody of the Priory during the Vacancy of it, and the Ordination of a Prior out of seven Monks to be nominated by themselves (*q*). In 1275, on the Bishop's Supplication, Pope Gregory took under the Protection of St. Peter and his own, the Church of the *Virgin Mary* at **Worcester**, confirming thereto all its Possessions, particularly the Patronage of the Church of **Claverdon**, the Manors of **Mortwike**, **Wike**, **Kemeley**, **Fladebyry**, **Eston**, **Hertlebyre**,

(*n*) Lib. Alb. Episc. Wig. f. 40. Giff. f. 398 and 427. See App. N. 40. and N. 47. (*o*) Giff. f. 40. (*p*) Chron. Th. Wikes, p. 100. (*q*) Giff. f. 52. See App. N. 48.

Hambirfe juxta Wich, Albithe Chirch, Hampton, Stratford, Blockele, Credington, Bredone, Rippel, Clive, Withindon, Beyburie, and Hambury in Saltmarsh, with all their Appertenances and Privileges whatsoever, forbidding all Persons to admit to their Communion any excommunicated by the Bishop without his own Consent, unless at the Point of Death ; and annulling that abominable Custom of the King's Bailiffs seizing on the moveable Goods of the Bishoprick on the Vacancy of the See, as of Right belonging to the King *jure Successionis*, forbidding any future Disturbance or Injury to be done to the said Church under the severest Censures. It bears Date at Aiterbium 3 Cal. of May, in the Eleventh Year of his Pontificate. The Priory petitioned for the same Favour, and it was granted to them at the same Time (r). In 1277, for the many Favours shewed by him to the Friars Minors, he was by Brother Jerom, then General of their Order, admitted as a Brother, and made Partaker of all the Benefits of their Prayers, as well in Life as in Death, the same Office to be said for him as for one of their deceased Members (s). Which Favour was again repeated by Brother Aidnagram then General of their Order in 1282 (t). In 1281, he was summoned by the Archbishop to appear at a Congregation of Prelates at London the third Day after the *Purification* of the *Virgin Mary*, to treat about freeing *Almaric de Mountfort* the Pope's Chaplain then in Prison ; but the King being then here in his Diocese, and he obliged to wait upon him, he wrote a Letter to the Archbishop to excuse his coming, acquainting him, That he had sent up *Warin de Boys*, and *Richard de Vienne*, Clerks, jointly and separately to act in his stead, and to be his Proctors (u). In the following Year there arose a Controversy between him and the said Archbishop, who in his Visitation of his Province had treated him and the rest of his Suffragan Bishops with too much Rigour ; his Officers, by his Connivance, drawing

(r) Reg. primum Dec. & Cap. Wig. f. lix. lx. See App. N. 49, 50. Append. N. 51. (t) Giff. f. 147. b. (u) Ibid. f. 126. see App. N. 52.

(s) Giff. f. 72. see

all Causes to his own Court, to the Prejudice and Overthrow of their Episcopal Jurisdiction in their several particular Dioceses; upon this he drew up several Petitions, and sent them to *R. de Wych*, his Agent at *Rome*, to communicate them to the Pope, and desire his Advice and Assistance. They bear Date 5 Non. of *May* 1282, (x). The Archbishop, it seems, proceeded so far as to excommunicate the Bishop of *Hereford*, for refusing to submit to his Orders; and because Bishop *Godfrey* joined with him, he charged him with *Simony*, and *Disobedience*, and *Perjury*; upon which he appealed in form for Protection and Redress to the Apostolick See, 5 Cal. *February* 1283 (y). But soon after meeting together and stating Matters fairly, they were reconciled, and he notified the same to his Chapter, by a Letter dated at *Ichull*, a Manor of his own that he had in *Hampshire*, the 13th Kal. of *April*, the same Year. Upon this Reconciliation, some ill-minded Persons gave out, that the Peace between them would not be long lived, for that the Archbishop was not sincere in the Matter; upon which he wrote to him 3 *Ides of March*, and received from him on the *Ides* of the same a very gracious and kind Answer, assuring him of the Sincerity of his Heart, and of his future Friendship (z), and I do not find that they had any difference afterwards. About the same Time that this Controversy arose between him and the Archbishop, there happened another between him and the Abbot of *Westminster*. In his Visitation of the Priory of *Great Malvern*, he had deposed *William Ledbury* their Prior, a Man of very loose Morals, and guilty of very great Crimes, but this being a Cell to *Westminster*, the Abbot thereof took the Prior under his Protection, and denied the Bishop's Jurisdiction. The Cause was hotly controverted in the Courts of *Canterbury* and *Rome*, and in that of the *King*, and ended not till *November* 1283, when the *Monks* of *Malvern* and Abbot of *Westminster*, to make him Amends for the Expences he had

(x) Giff. f. 134. see App. N. 53.
see App. N. 55.

(y) Giff. f. 202. see App. N. 54. f. ibid. f. 203. b.
(z) Giff. f. 204, 205. see App. N. 56, 57.

been at in defending his lawful Jurisdiction over that Priory, released unto him the Manor of **Knightsbridge**, in which the King granted him free Warren; and by his Writ dated the 15th of *November*, in the 11th Year of his Reign, ordered him to be put in Possession of the same (a). In 1286, he sent *John de Butterley*, one of his Clerks, to **Rome**, to procure the Appropriation of **Clive** to his See, and to make the Church a Prebend in the Church of **Welfbury**, together with Leave to make the Livings in his own Gift Prebendal Churches of the same. But he met not with that Success he expected, for as to the Appropriation of **Clive**, and that too only for his Life, they demanded 200 *l.* Sterling to be paid into the Pope's Chamber, and 40 Marks to the Pope's Secretary; and as to the Prebend, and the Prebendal Churches, he could get no Answer. Upon which he wrote to his Proctor at **Rome**, *John de Butterley*, to try to do what he could as to the Appropriation of the Church of **Clive** to him and his Successors, and the Prebend in the Church of **Welfbury**, and those Churches in his Patronage, but not to comply with such extravagant Terms as they demanded, and if insisted on, to return home immediately (b). With much ado he got the Sum lowered to two Hundred and Fifty Marks, and so on the 4th of the Nones of *November* 1287, **Clive** was appropriated to him for the Use of his Table during Life, and as to other Matters they remained as they were (c). This Bull was sent to him with all speed, for on the 16th of the Calends of *November*, *Robert de Wybio*, then Rector of **Clive**, resigned the same, and the Bishop took Possession thereof (d). On the third of the Ides of *April* this Year, he made an Augmentation to the Chapel of the *Charnel House*, ordering six Priests to officiate there instead of four; and for their Maintenance, appropriating to them the Church of **St. Helen** in **Worcester**, and on the fifth of *December* following, the Church of **Newenton** in **Cotswold**; the Master to receive all the Profits, and to pay yearly to the Vicars of **St. Helen**

(a) *Antiq. Prioratus Majoris Malverne*, p. lxxx.

(c) *Ibid.* f. 349. see App. N. 60.

(d) *Ibid.* f. 365.

(b) *Giff.* f. 263. see App. N. 58, 59.

and *Newenton* 100 Shillings each, to the six Presbyters for Cloaths and Shoes, 22 Shillings apiece, and to maintain them with sufficient good Meat and Drink, to furnish the Chapel with all Things necessary, to keep the Buildings in sufficient Repair, and what remained overplus, to take to himself. Upon this new Endowment, *Hugo de Walingeford*, the Master, promised the Bishop to release unto him and his Successors, their Right and Title to the yearly Rent of ten Pounds out of his Manor of *Hembury* in *Saltmarsh*, and to give up the Writings belonging to the same, which I suppose he did; for in 1298, on the *Monday* after the Feast of *St. Barnaby*, the Bishop restored to them that ten Pounds a Year (*e*) also. In 1288 there began a Controversy between him and his Convent, which lasted off and on until the Day of his Death. One occasion thereof was, that when he ordained at *Wellsbury* on the 14th of the Calends of *October* this Year, *Thomas de Wich*, Chantor of his Cathedral Church, appeared there, and according to *antient Custom* (say the *Worcester Annals*) began to call up those that were to be ordained (*f*), when *John* of *Eureux* Archdeacon of *Gloucester*, the Bishop's Nephew, stood up and asserted, that that Office belonged to him; and the Bishop favouring of him, the *Chantor* was thrust out of the Chancel by force (*g*). Upon this, the Prior and Convent appealed in behalf of the Right of their Church to the Apostolick See, and for Protection to the Court of *Canterbury*. On *Wednesday* before the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, he gave them Notice by *John de Dumbleton* his Sacrist, that on the *Thursday* following he would come to the Chapter to treat both of *Spirituals* and *Temporals*, according to the Composition made in the Time of his Predecessor *William de Bleys*; and coming thither on the same Day, *Stephen de St. Wulstan*, in the Name of the Prior and Convent, exhibited to him, from the Court of Arches, a Sug-

(*e*) Giff. f. 268, 292, 426, 427. see App. N. 61. (*f*) "Mos fuit ipso Precentore presente—
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Giff. f. 296. b. 149, 150. (*g*) Annal. Wig.

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Giff. f. 296. b. 149, 150. (g) Annal. Wig.

gestion of their Appeal in the Cause of their Chantor, and an Order to appear there the next Court Day after the *Purification* of the *Virgin Mary*, bearing Date the *Monday* after the Feast of *St. Andrew* 1288 (b). This being read, the Bishop alone entered the Chapter-house to treat concerning Spirituals only, and thus began, *I am come here to correct your daily Faults*, to whom the Prior answered, *Father, it doth not belong to you*. The Bishop replied, *Do you not make Profession to me?* the Prior said, *No, but to God and the Church*; and lest he should prejudice the Convent by exercising any spiritual Power contrary to the *Composition*, the said Brother Stephen again appealed to the *Apostolick See*, and for Tuition, to the Court of **Canterbury**, upon which the Bishop retired (i), but gave them publick Notice by his Sacrist, that he would come again and treat of Spirituals only on the *Friday* before the Translation of *St. Wulstan*, on which Day, before the Door of the *Chapter House*, the said Brother again appealed, alledging on behalf of his Convent, that the *Bishop* had threatned to take away from them the Chapel of *Grafton*; to make the Prior confess unto him, and to no other without his Licence; to correct the daily Excesses of the *Monks*, as being to them an *Abbot*; to cause the *Archdeacon* to be installed by another than by the *Prior*, contrary to antient Custom; and that he had threatned to punish the said *Prior* for Irregularity. This Appeal being read, immediately *Richard de Micham*, Rector of *Icumbe*, Proctor to the *Bishop*, appealed, alledging on his behalf, That whereas He and his Predecessors had an undoubted Right to receive the Professions of all the Religious entering his Convent; to come to their *Chapter House*, when he pleased, to treat both of Spirituals and Temporals; to correct their daily Excesses, and to appoint whom he pleased in the Absence of his *Archdeacon*, to take care of the Persons to be ordained, all which had been denied him, and particularly the last notoriously and maliciously infringed by *Thomas de Wychio* their Chantor, for which he had justly

(b) Giff. f. 296.

(i) Ann. Wig. Giff. f. 296.

suspended him. Matters growing thus hot, the Prior and Convent, for the sake of Peace, agreed to give to the Bishop twenty Marks Sterling, and to pay him forty Marks more by equal Portions on the Feasts of *Lady Day*, and the Nativity of *St. John Baptist*. And upon this, the Bishop by his Deed dated xv Cal. *February*, granted, that all Spirituals should be in the same State as they were on the xvth of the Calends of *October*, which was the Day before the Chantor was thrust out of the Chancel at *Westbury*; that the antient Composition made between them and his Predecessor *William de Bleys*, should stand good, and a stop be put to all further Proceedings. And moreover promised that as he had not hitherto, so neither for the future would he demand any Amercements of the Prior's Tenants in his Manor of *Alveston*, in the Hundred of *Pathelowe, Warwickshire* (*k*).

Another occasion of the Controversy that arose between them this Year 1288, was his annexing the best Livings in his Gift to the Collegiate Church of *Westbury*, and giving of them to the Prebendaries there, to which the Prior and Convent would not consent, as depriving them of several Profits and Privileges arising therefrom during the Vacancy of the See. And when, notwithstanding their refusing to set their Seal thereto, he did proceed therein, they appealed to *Rome*, from whence in the Year 1289, came a Bull from Pope *Nicholas*, setting forth the Complaint of the Prior and Convent, that the Bishop had annexed the Rectories of *Kemsey, Bredon, Wythindon, Clybe, and Weston*, to the Collegiate Church of *Westbury*, and made them Prebendal to the same, and given them to his own Familiars: and the Pope therein delegated the Abbots of *Bading* and *Wigmore*, and the Precentor of *Wells*, to hear and determine the same, dated at *Rome* xv Kal. of *May*, the second Year of his Pontificate. This Bull was sent to the Bishop by his Proctor *Mr. John Blundell*, and he received it before the *Prior and Convent* had any Notice of it: but it being sealed only with the Seal of the Audi-

(*k*) Giff. f. 297, 298. see App. N. 62.

tor of the Court of **Rome**, the Persons delegated would not act: so there came another Bull in due Form, dated at **Reate** on the Calends of *June*, and directed to the Bishop of **London**, to the Abbot of **Rading**, and to *Giffrey de Vezano* Canon of **Cambray**, Clerk of his Chamber, and then in **England**, delegating them to hear and determine the said Cause; and in this was added a further Complaint against the Bishop, that he had also annexed the Rectory of **Budhoke**, without their Consent, to the Collegiate Church of *St. Mary* in **Warwick**. Upon the Receipt of this Bull, the Bishop of **London**, and the Abbot of **Rading**, on the 3d of the Calends of *September*, delegated the *Archdeacon* of **Berkshire** to hear the Cause; and he excusing himself upon the Account of his Studies and other Business, it was left to the *Archdeacon* of **Oxford**, and to the *Dean* of the Monastery of **Everham**, and the Parties were summoned to appear before them at the Conventual Church of **Rading** on the fifth Court Day after the Feast of *All Saints* (l), on which Day, being the third of the Ides of *February*, the *Dean* of **Everham** came not, but sent a Letter in Excuse, and nothing further do I find done by them in it. But on the Nones of *March* following, the *Bishop* procured Letters from the *King* and *Queen* and many of the *Nobility* to the *Prior* and *Convent*, to exhort and persuade them to comply with this Request (m), which had no Effect upon them. So the Cause came to an Hearing before the *King* and *Council* on *Tuesday* in *Whitsun* Week, the 10th Cal. of *June* 1290, where the *Prior's* Agents set forth the Damages that would accrue to the *Convent*, if those Livings should be annexed to the Church of **Westbury**, and read unto them a Deed of *St. Wulstan's*, wherein he laid a Curse upon those who should remove the Monks from thence, and put in *Secular Canons*. After which the *King* said, *I would willingly have had those Churches been made Prebendal, if you had been so minded; but I desire not to wrong your Church, do as you please.* *Gilbert* Earl of **Gloucester** took their Part, and said, that the

(l) Giff. f. 311, 312, 313. see App. N. 63.

(m) Annal. Wig.

Churches belonged to the Barony, and that the State of the Churches could no more be altered than the State of the Barony (n). This Affair came on afterwards in the Court of Arches, *R. de Ross*, Canon of *St. Paul's*, and the Archbishop's Official, citing the Bishop to appear there the fourth Court Day after the Conversion of *St. Paul*, which Citation bears Date 4 Non. *Jan.* 1294 (o), and in 1297 the Bishop there obtained his Cause with Costs, from which definitive Sentence of the Court of *Arches*, the *Prior* and *Convent* by their Proctor appealed (p); and this Controversy between them ended not till the Day of his Death. But to return: a little before *Easter* 1289, Rogues broke into his House at *Bredon*, and robbed him of 200 Marks. On the 2d of the Nones of *June*, he ordained at *Bromesgrove*, and, as the *Worcester* Annals say, forgetful of the Peace made between *Him* and his *Convent*, he would not suffer the *Chantor* to execute his Office. And say further, That on the 3d of the Nones of *August*, he extorted from them the Chapel of *Grafton*, and appropriated it to the Use of the Sacrist, without making them any Allowance for the Expense they had been at in recovering the same in the King's Courts, which amounted to no less than 200 *l.* having been seven Years in Law (q). On the Calends of *March* this Year, the Sacrist got by force the Corps of *H. Poche*, a Citizen of *Worcester*, from the Friars *Minors*, and buried it in the Cathedral Church Yard; and several Affronts and Indignities being offered to them, they made their Complaint to the *Archbishop*, who had been of their *Order*; upon which he wrote a Letter to Bishop *Godfrey* on their behalf, that he would order the Body to be taken up, and restored to the *Friars*; adding, that he would not suffer such an Outrage to pass uncorrected, and that he could not, nor ought not, without Tears to reflect on the Affronts and Indignities that had been offered to his Brethren. It seems the Bishop was a little remiss in this Matter, whereupon the Archbishop sent him a second Letter dated 4 Id. *July* 1290, com-

(n) An. Wig.
Wig.

(o) Giff. f. 388.

(p) Ibid. f. 419, 420, 421.

(q) Ann.

manding him within fifteen Days to cause the Corps of *H. Poche* to be taken up and given to the Friars, which if not complied with, he took the Hearing and Determining of this Matter to himself; and ordered him to cite the Prior and Convent to appear before him at his next Court Day, before the Feast of *St. Peter ad Vincula*; as also in all the Churches of his City and Diocese, to declare all those Excommunicate that had thrown down and abused and trod upon the Friars, when the Corps was taken from them, diligently to inquire their Names, and peremptorily to cite the Guilty to appear before him on the said Court Day. The *Worcester Annals* tell us, that on the Eve of *St. James*, the Bishop made a particular Inquiry into this Affair by a Jury of sworn Clerks and Laymen, who returned, that it was the last Will of the deceased to be buried in the Church Yard of *St. Mary*, and that no one willingly did any hurt to them, but that the Press of the Crowd was so great, that some of them were thrust on heaps of Dung on which they fell. I find nothing of this in the Bishop's Register, and it positively contradicts the Archbishop's Letter and Mandate there recorded; which assert, that the said *H. Poche* did desire by his last Will and Testament to be buried in the burial Place of the Friars Minors; and for this Reason he sent positive Orders to the Bishop, that He or his Official should give Notice to the *Prior* and *Convent*, that if they did not within fifteen Days deliver up the Body, both He and the Officers of the Convent should incur the Pain of the greater *Excommunication*, and their Church be put under an *Interdict*. So they were forced to submit, and the Friars promising to come privately, and with all the Modesty that could be to take it away, it was delivered to them the Day after *St. Thomas* the Apostle; but instead of coming privately, they came with a great Pomp and Tumult, declaring their Right, and to their Confusion, they carried it away with Song and Triumph all along the High Street (*r*). This Year the Disputes were renewed between him and his Chapter, and on the 7th Id. *Nov.* the Bishop came with

(*r*) *Annal. Wig. Giff.* f. 322, 334. see *Append. N.* 64.

one Hundred and forty Horſe, and viſited them for three Days together, but was entertained only the firſt Day; on the ſecond, the Prior appealed for himſelf and Convent to the Court of **Canterbury**, and on the fourth, the Biſhop went away much diſpleaſed, that they would not ſet their Seal to the making the beſt Churches of the Biſhoprick Prebendal to **Wellſbury** (*s*). After this, there came to the Biſhop an inhibitory Letter from the *Archbiſhop's Official*, ſetting forth the Grievances of the *Prior and Convent*, and citing him to appear at *St. Mary's Church London*, on the ſeventh Court Day after the Sunday whereon is ſung *Miſericordia Domini*, to give in his Answer to the ſame. It was dated 4 Id. *April* 1291. but on the 2d of the Ides of *May* following, Peace was again made between them at **Kemſey**, through the Mediation of *Robert* Biſhop of **Bath** and **Wells**, *Walter* Abbot of **Winchcomb**, and *Mr. William Pykerel*, who awarded the Prior to pay five Hundred Marks to the Biſhop, and he to take off all Suſpenſions, to releaſe them of all Actions, and all Suits to ceaſe, except in the Caſe of the Prebendal Churches. The Prior immediately gave Bond for the Payment of the five Hundred Marks, but at the Requeſt of the Biſhop of **Bath** and **Wells** he freely forgave it them, and alſo quitted his Claim to the Scutage of their Tenants at **Coteſoon** and **Lawerne William** (*t*).

On the Eve of *Lady Day* 1289-90, there was a Court held by the King at **Feckenham**, and Inquiry made throughout the whole County who had tranſgreſſed in Hunting in that Foreſt, and many were impriſoned, and others that were Indicted for the ſame, found fix Sureties for their Appearance before the King at **Wodeſtoke**, on the Nones of *April*, to hear his Sentence of Mercy or Judgment; and becauſe there was no other Equity but the King's Will, the Biſhop's Redemption was taxed at five Hundred Marks, and the Prior's at two Hun-

(*s*) *Annal. Wig.*(*t*) *Giff. f. 337, 338. ſee App. N. 65.*

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dred (u). About this Time he had a Controversy with *Gilbert de Clare*, Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hertford*, and *Joan* his Countess, about a Trench which they had made on the Top of *Balverne* Hill, to the Damage of the Church of *Worcester*, which by the Mediation of *Robert Burnel* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, and others, was thus ended ; that the *Earl* and his *Countess* should pay yearly to the *Bishop* and his Successors, a brace of Bucks and a brace of Does out of his Chace at *Balverne*, at his Palace at *Kenley* ; and in the Vacancy of the See, the same to be paid to the Prior and Convent of *Worcester*, demanding them by their Attorney at the Castle of *Kenley* ; which Agreement was afterwards confirmed by King *Edward* the First at *Northampton*, in the nineteenth Year of his Reign (x). In 1293, there was issued out a Writ against the Bishop to the High Sheriff of the County of *Southampton*, commanding him to seize his Manor of *Ichull*, and all his Lands within his *Bayliwick*, for his killing a Deer in the Forest of *Colinggerugge*; and ordering him to seize his Person, and bring him, together with *Auger* his Nephew, and *William Savage* his Butler, and *Henry* his Huntsman, and *Ralph Sprengeluse*, before the King wherever he should be in *England*, on the Morrow after the *Assumption* of the *Virgin Mary*, to answer for the same. This Writ bears date at *Winchester*, Thursday after the Feast of the Translation of *St. Thomas the Martyr*, 21 *Edward* I. But soon after the King commanded his Manor of *Ichull* to be restored to him by his Writ dated at *Bristol*, the thirtieth Day of *September* following (y). The next Year came on, in the Court of Arches, the Cause about the Churches being annexed to *Westbury*, which he gained in 1297, as before mentioned. In the Year 1300 he fell Sick, and not being able to visit the Prior and Convent in Person, on the third of the Ides of *June* he sent *Robert de Gloucester* his Official,

(u) Annal. Wig. For these Benefits, and perhaps some other Favours, the next Year, on the Feast of Pentecost, the Prior and Convent unanimously granted, that every Year after his Death, on the Anniversary Day thereof, their Eleemosinary should exhibit to thirteen poor People for the Health of his Soul, and they entered the same into their Martyrology, Giff. f. 370. (x) Giff. f. 309 b. 310 a. see Antiq. Priorat. Maj. Malverne, p. 161. (y) Giff. f. 351 b. See Append. N. 66.

and *John de Rodberwe* to do it in his stead: but they were met at the Door of the Chapter House by Mr. *Geoffry* and two Monks more, who told them, that they were by no Means to be admitted, it being contrary to the Agreement made between them, and hitherto observed. On the 14th of the Calends of *September*, being still sick, he commissioned Mr. *Robert de Gloucestre*, and Brother *Nicholas de Norton* Sacrist, to visit the Prior and Chapter; the Sacrist to do it alone as to *Spirituals*, but both together as to *Temporals* (z). How they were received, or what they did at this Visitation, is not said: but at the Visitation of *Robert de Winchelse* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, on the *March* following, they exhibited against the Bishop no less than thirty six Articles, containing all their former Complaints and Quarrels, and some other Matters of less Notice, to all which he gave in his particular Answers (a). These, I suppose, satisfied the *Archbishop*; for on the 2d of the Ides of that Month he went and visited him lying sick at *Wyke*, and was there handsomely entertained. The next Day he visited the Prior and Convent, and on the thirteenth of the Calends of *April*, he entered again their Chapter House, and deposed the *Subprior*, the *Chantor*, and the *Chamberlain*, and, upon Pain of Suspension, commanded the Sacrist *Nicholas de Norton*, and the *third Prior*, and the *Pittanciary*, not to go out of the Bounds of the Monastery for a Year (b). This his Sickness proved fatal to him, for languishing thereof till the Twenty sixth of *January* 1301, on a *Friday* he died in the Evening, and was buried on the fourth of *February* following in his own Cathedral Church, by *John* Bishop of *Landaff*; having presided in this See *thirty four Years, four Months, and four Days* (c).

In his Time King *Edward* the First, much devoted to *St. Wulstan*, frequently came to *Worcester* to visit his Tomb. In 1281 he came hither on *Christmas Eve*, and on *St. Stephen's Day* departed. In 1282 he

(z) Annal. Wig.
Wig.

(a) Giff. f. 470, 471, 472, 473. see Append. N. 67, 68.

(c) Reg. Sed. vacante f. 1. a.

(b) Ann.

came hither again, and held a Parliament, and consulted with his Nobles how to manage the War with *Lewellin* Prince of *Wales*. In 1283 having subdued *Wales*, he came on the 25th of *November* and visited again the Tomb of *St. Wulstan*. On the 22d of *March* 1289 he came again, and was received by the Bishop and Chapter with a solemn Procession; and on the Morrow having heard the Mass of *St. Wulstan*, he dined at *Bumelton*, and lay that Night at *Seckenham*. On the ninth of *November* 1292 he came again, and on the Morrow after the Feast of *St. Martin*, he departed towards *Fladbury*. In 1293, before he went on an Expedition to *France*, he sent his Clerk on the 15th of *February*, with a Royal Offering to Blessed *Wulstan*; to wit a Chain of Gold, and two golden Cloths for the High Altar; and that Day, the Chapter ordered that every Week should be said three Masses of *St. Wulstan*, till the King returned again in Safety. On the first of *September* 1294, the King came hither late, and heard repeated by the Convent the Verses made in Praise of *St. Wulstan*, and on the Morrow the Bishop said Mass, and the King offered up at his Tomb four Gold Buttons with six Marks, and in the Evening went for *Perthore*. On the 21st of *November* he came again, and on *St. Catharine's* Day heard the Prior say Mass, and the next Day went for *Chester*. *July* 20, 1295, in the Morning, the King came hither in a Boat; and the same Day heard *Vespers*, and on the Morrow the Mass of *St. Wulstan*, and offered to him a Button value eleven Marks, and an hundred Shillings to *St. Oswald*, and two fine Cloths to the Altar. After Mass, the King kneeling at the Tomb of *St. Wulstan*, and the Prior and Chantor standing by him, he said, "*What Reward shall I give to blessed Wulstan for all that he hath wrought for me by his Prayers? This little I vow before God and his Saints, to provide at my own Expense for the Maintenance of three Monks, and for two Lights to burn before his Tomb (d).*" On the third of *May* 1296, he sent an Oblation to *St. Wulstan* and *St. Oswald*; to wit, a Chain of Gold, and nine Candles for their Tombs, and fourteen

(d) *Annal. W gorn.* under each Year.

Shillings in Silver. On the 4th of *May* 1300 he sent these Offerings, a *Baudekin* for the Great Altar, and seven Shillings and a Candle; and to *St. Wulstan* in particular, a golden Buckle, and eight Candles to burn before his Tomb. On the sixteenth of *April* 1301, he came hither again with his Queen big with Child, and mindful of the Promise he had made, he gave the Prior and Convent the Advowson of the Church of *Witfield*, for the Maintenance of three Monks, and two Lights burning on the Feasts of *St. Wulstan*, and their Octaves, and to be lighted daily at High Mass, and ordered it to be confirmed by his Royal Charter, and then went in a Boat towards *Kemsey*. One more Present I find of this King's, which was after Bishop *Godfrey's* Death, viz. in the Year 1303, when he sent hither Cloth of Gold for the Great Altar, a Gold Chain worth five Pounds or more, nine great Candles, and twenty eight Shillings in Silver (e). Whilst this Bishop lived, he made for himself a magnificent Tomb near the Great Altar of the Virgin *Mary's* Chapel, removing the Body of *John de Constantiis*, that he might be buried in his Grave; but *Robert* Archbishop of *Canterbury* offended at his thus disturbing the Dead, by his Mandate dated 10 *Jan.* 1302, commanded Bishop *John's* Bones to be put in their former Place, and his to be buried lower on the South Side of the said Altar, where are to be seen to this Day, lying on the Ground, the top Stones of their Monuments, with their Effigies thereon; which latter Catholics imagining to be the Tombstones of *St. Oswald*, and *St. Wulstan*, visit this Place with great Devotion on *January* 19, which is *St. Wulstan's* Day (f). Mr. *Abington*, in his Account of this Bishop, tells us, that he was a Man doubtless of great Blood, and who raised (as is commonly said) his Family, then almost perishing, to their former Reputation; that hence descended the *Giffards* of *Wetton* in *Gloucestershire*, who, to testify the same, gave the Arms of the Bishoprick of *Worcester*, being *Argent* charged with *Torteauxes*. Not

(e) Ann. Wig.

(f) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 497, ex Registro Winchelse, f. 146.

that any Man can say, that this noble Prelate gave his Arms to the Bishoprick of *Worcester*, as St. *Thomas* of *Hereford*, furnamed *Cantelupe*, did the Arms of the Barons *Cantelupe* to the Bishoprick of *Hereford*, for that the Arms of the Bishoprick and Priory of *Worcester* are merely Spiritual. The *Torteaux* signifying the *Eucharist*, whereunto the Priory had, in a *Quarter*, added our *blest Lady* holding our Saviour in her Arms. He farther tells us, that he gave to the Priory of *Great Malvern* two Mills in *Wike*, situated on the River *Teme*, and one Mill on the Brook of *Lawern* adjoining, where it runs into *Teme*. That he also gave to the Nuns of *Whitstane* near *Worcester*, called the *White Ladies*, the Manor and Patronage of *Eston*, whereupon that Parish gained the Name of *White Lady Aston* or *Eston*; and that he gave the same Religious Women a Portion of Tithes in *Claines*, in the Year 1275; but this last is a Mistake, for it was in the Year 1269, 2 Kal. *March*, that he ordered the Dean of *Worcester*, with the Consent and Advice of the *Priores*, to provide a Priest to officiate there, allowing him a reasonable Maintenance, and all the rest of the Tithes to be enjoyed by the Nuns. In the Year 1271, he gave them all the small Tithes and Oblations at *Claines*, and in the Year 1275, on the third of the Nones of *July*, he wrote to *Raymund de Nogeris*, the Pope's Nuncio, setting forth the Smallness of their Revenues, and desiring that their Collectors might gather no *Tenths* of them (g), and at his Death, left them in his Will, Vestments for their Altar, and an hundred Shillings in Money. In the same Will, he left to the Friars *Minors* of *Worcester*, c. s. to the poor Brethren of the Hospital of *St. Wulstan* xl s. to the Hospital of *St. Oswald* xx s. to the Friars *Preachers* of *Gloucester* xl s. to the Friars *Minors* there as much; to the Brethren of Mount *Carmel*, of the same Place, one Mark; to the Friars *Minors* of *Bristol* xl s. to the Friars *Preachers* there xl s. to the Brethren of Mount *Carmel* there one Mark; and to the Brethren of the Sack half a Mark; and to the Friars *Preachers* at *Warwick* xl s.

(g) Giff. f. 25, 58, 522.

With many other Legacies to the Church and Convent of **Worcester**, and a Ring to every Bishop of **England**, of Value not less than XL or L s. and several Legacies to his Relations, all which shew him to have been a rich and great Man (*b*). One Monument of his Munificence still remains, the little Pillars of Cast Marble, which he fastned with Rings of Copper gilt, to all the Pillars of the eastern Part of his Cathedral Church. After his Decease King *Edward* the First granted his Licence to the Monks to choose their Bishop, dated the 15th of *February* 1301, and on the Ides of *March* following they met together, and appointed *Lady Day* for the Election, and then they proceeded by way of *Compromise*, giving Power to *Stephen de Wytton* Subprior, *William de Grimley* Precentor, *Gilbert de Madeley* Sacrist, *Henry de Antioch*, *Nicholas Norton*, *John de St. German*, and *Richard de Bromwich*, in all their Names to choose whom they pleased to be their Bishop, and they unanimously chose *John de Sancto Germano*, and wrote Letters to testify the same to the King and the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, bearing Date the fourth of the Calends of *April* 1302, and on the 7th of the Ides of the same Month he was presented to the King, and honourably received, and his Election confirmed by him (*i*); but when he came to the Archbishop he met not with the same Favour, and instead of consecrating him, he appointed the *Thursday* after the Feast of *St. Dunstan*, viz. ixth Kal. *June*, to inquire into the Merits of his Election, and ordered all Opposers then to appear before him in the Parochial Church of **Newenton**, where one of the Witnesses deposing that he consented to his Election with Tears, the Archbishop further delayed his Consecration; whereupon he appealed to the Court of **Rome**. And thither he went, carrying along with him Letters recommendatory to the Pope, from the King and Prior and Chapter of **Worcester**, dated the fifth of *August* 1302 (*k*). And after he was gone, the Prior and Chapter wrote another Letter on his behalf to Cardinal *Francisco Neopolitano* Archdeacon of **Worcester**, dated the Kal. of *September* (*l*), all which did him no

(*b*) Geysb. f. 17. see Appen. N. 69.
App. N. 70, 71.

(*k*) Reg. Sed. Vac. f. 8. see Appen. N. 72, 73.

(*i*) Reg. Sede Vacante, p. 1, 2, 3. An. Wig. see
(*l*) Ibid f. 9. b.

Service ; for arriving there on the third of the Ides of *October*, he lost his Cause for want of Money (*m*), and was obliged to renounce his Right to the Bishoprick on the Day of the Translation of St. *Etheldrith* the Virgin, viz. 17 *Oct.* before the Pope and his Cardinals then present. And on the *Monday* following, 22 *Oct.* 1302, the Pope publicly sitting in his Consistory, promoted Brother *William de Gaynesbure* to this See (*m*). He was a learned Man of the Order of St. *Francis*, had been Reader of *Divinity* in the Monastery of the *Minorites* at *Oxford*, and was sent by King *Edward*, with *Hugh* of *Manchester* a *Dominican* Friar, to *Philip* the *French* King, in order to treat of Peace. At the Time of his Promotion he was a Reader of *Divinity* in the *Pope's* Palace, and as it is said a strenuous Asserter of his Infallibility. After having been consecrated by him, he left *Rome*, and came to *London*, on the *Tuesday* before the Feast of the *Purification* of the *Virgin Mary* 1302-3 ; and on that Feast Day, he said Mass before the King at *Windsor*. It seems he did not easily forgive him his taking this *Bishoprick* after the Manner he did ; for when on the fourth of *February* he there restored the Temporalities to him, he made him renounce the Power of the Pope to confer either the Temporalities or Spiritualities of this See to him ; and not content with this, he fined him in the Sum of a Thousand Marks, to be paid whenever he should demand it : but upon his dutiful Behaviour afterwards, and good Offices done, he remitted it the 21st of *March* 1306. The next Day after his receiving the *Temporalities* of the King at *Windsor*, he wrote to the Prior and Convent, and gave them Notice of his arrival in *England*, and of his great Desire of being with them as soon as his Affairs could be dispatched at *London* ; and upon the Receipt thereof they sent him twenty Pounds to defray his Charges in coming down to them (*n*). On the 7th of *February* he waited on the *Archbishop* at *Lambeth*, and having sworn Canonical Obedience to that See, he received from him a Mandate to the *Prior* of *Worcester*, to deliver up to him, or to whomsoever he should appoint,

(*m*) Reg. Sed. Vac. f. 13. b. App. N. 4.

(*n*) Reg. Sed. Vac. f. 15. b.

the *Spiritualities* thereof (o). The next Day he constituted *John de Rodboruwe* and *Robert de Sutton*, Rectors of *Wertelbure* and *Durceleye*, his *Vicars General*. On the third of the Calends of *March*, he sent Word to the Prior from *London*, that he intended to set out for his Diocese on the second *Sunday* in *Lent*. On the sixth of the Calends of *April*, he wrote to him from *Kingswood*, to desire his Assistance, and that of his Convent, in defraying the Charges of his Inthronization. On the third of the Calends of the same Month, they received Letters from him by *R. de Leycestre*, and *J. de Rodberwe*, and others, pressing the same Matter: and another from *Bristol* dated on *Good Friday*, more pressing than the former: to all which they sent an Answer by Mr. *John de Bradwas*, that they could not comply with his Request; and the Reason given why they would not, was, lest it should become a Precedent for future Bishops to demand the same (p). On the sixth of the Ides of *June*, he came to *Kemsey*, where Brother *John de Wyke* dined with him; whom he told, that he would not set out for *Worcester* the next Day in order to be inthroned, till he the said Prior should come to him, to which out of special Favour he consented, not being obliged according to ancient Custom, to go any farther than one Mile to meet him. The next Morning he waited on him with the Sacrist and another Monk, and his Servants, and told him it was time for him to be going. At the *Redhill* there met him the Bishops of *Hereford* and *Landaff*, the Abbots of *Evesham*, *Teukesbury* and *Worcester*, with many other Prelates and Archdeacons. There met him also *Thomas de Berkeley*, and *Hugh de Veyr*, Knights; which Sir *Thomas* was Steward of the Feast, and in all, they amounted to above 700 Horse. The first Procession of the City met him near *Redhill*, the second, which was of the Friars Minors, received him without the Door of the Hospital of *St. Wulstan*, and there he first lighted off his Horse, and pulled off his Boots; and immediately *Roger de Bondone*, on the Behalf of *J. Archdeacon* of *Canterbury*, had his Palfry, Saddle, Cap, and Boots, as Fees

(o) Reg. Sed. Vac. f. 15. b. see Append. N. 75.

(p) Ibid. f. 17. a. & b.

belonging to the said *Archdeacon*, and he claimed also his Cup, and ten Marks for his Expenses; which the Bishop desired to consider of, and to inquire whether it was customary, and whether his Predecessors had paid the same. From hence he went barefoot up *Sidbury*, and so up *St. Mary's Steps* by the great Gate of the Priory, into the Church-yard, where he was received by the Prior and Convent, and Bishops and Prelates in their proper Habits: when he came into the Church, as he approached the High Altar, he made his Adoration, went up to it and kissed it, offered up three Pieces of Cloth of Gold, and there he first gave his Benediction. Thence descending to his Stall, he was inthronised with the usual Ceremonies; which ended, he gave his second Benediction, and then went into the Vestry, washed his Feet, put on his Shoes, and came and celebrated in a solemn Manner the Mass of *St. Wulstan*; which ended, he gave to the Hearers thereof an *Indulgence* of *forty Days*, and so he went to his Palace, and there made a grand Entertainment for those that had attended him (q). His walking barefoot to his Cathedral Church, was doubtless to take the People with a Shew of *Humility*, when the Pride of his Heart was evident from his being so very desirous to have all Things done with an Air of Grandeur, the poor Minorite having not wherewithal to defray the Expense of it; for being denied by the *Prior* and *Convent* to help him out herein, he was forced to apply to his Friend *Henry de Bluntesdon* the King's *Almoner*; and the *Prior* and *Convent* being indebted to him in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, they received a Letter from him eight Days after the Inthronization, wherein he desired or rather commanded the same to be paid to their Bishop before the Feast of *St. Peter ad vincula*, or else they should lose his Favour, and he would proceed with them another way (r). Whilst he was at *Rome*, the See being vacant, in his Absence the Temporalities were in the King's Hands, who sowed his Lands both in the Winter and Spring, and when they were restored to him, he

(q) Reg. Sed. Vac. f. 19. see App. N. 76. (r) Ibid. see App. N. 77.

paid for the same Five Hundred and Twelve Marks (s). In 1305, on the 12th of the Calends of *November*, he went over Sea, in order to go for the Court of *Rome* (t). In 1306, he was at the Parliament at *Carlisle* from *Christmas* to *Easter** (u). In 1307, he was sent by King *Edward* I. into *France*, to treat about a Marriage between Prince *Edward* his Son, and *Isabel* King *Philip*'s Daughter, which he accomplished according to his Mind, but lived not to return; for he died at *Beaubais* in *Picardy*, on the Day of *St. Lambert* the Martyr, the 15th Cal. of *October* 1307, and was there buried the Day following (x). As soon as the Prior and Chapter had Advice of his Death, on the Ides of *October* they petitioned the King for License to choose another, which was granted them on the 17th of the same Month; and a Letter sent with it, recommending to them his Treasurer *Walter Reginald*, who had done him faithful Service from his Youth. And hearing soon afterwards of the Pope's Reservation of this Bishoprick to himself, on the 30th he wrote another Letter to them, ordering them to hasten their Election before Notice thereof could be made to them in due Form; whereupon they met on the 12th of *November*, the Sunday after the Feast of *St. Martin*, and appointed the next Day for the Election; when, by way of *Compromise*, they gave full Power to their Prior *John de Wyke* to choose whom he pleased, and immediately he chose the aforesaid *Walter Reginald* Canon of *St. Paul's*, Rector of *Wimbleton*, and Treasurer of *England*, to be their Bishop. He is said to have been a Barker's Son at *Windsor*, Chaplain to King *Edward* I. and Tutor to his Son, who made him Treasurer the 22d of *August* 1307. As soon as they had finished their Election, they sent *Gilbert de Madd* their Sub-prior to him to notify the same, and desire his Consent thereto, which he gave about a Fortnight afterwards, not without great Deliberation; and the King, confirming all that had been done, on the 21st of *December* wrote to the *Pope* on his Behalf, and earnestly begged that he would be

(s) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 532. Plac. Parl. 31. Ed. I. p. 335. (t) Geynsb. f. 37. a. (u) Ibid. f. 49. b. (x) Reg. Sed. Vac. p. 50. b. and 51. b. In the Pope's reservatory Bull, dated 3 Non. of *October*, it is said that he died at *Amiens*. But I take it to be a Mistake.

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pleased to confirm the same too (y). The *Pope* not willing, or not daring to deny the *King's* Request on the Behalf of his *Lord High Treasurer* of **England**, at his first coming to his Crown, pretended to annul all that had been passed, and by his own Authority preferred him to the same, his *Bull* bearing Date at **Poitiers** the 12th of *February*, in the third Year of his Pontificate; which *Bull*, with his Apostolical Mandate to the Prior and Chapter of **Worcester**, to receive him, and to obey him as their Pastor, were published in the Cathedral Church of **Worcester**, on the 18th of the Calends of *May* 1308 (z). On the 13th of the Calends of *October* following, he was installed, and must have been consecrated by *Robert* Archbishop of **Canterbury** before that Time (a). On the 13th of the Calends of *November*, at **London**, he constituted *John de Rodberew*, Rector of **Hertlebury**, his Official; and *John de Brodwas*, Rector of **Bumelton**, his Sequestrator General; and *Milo de Redbourn*, Kt. his Steward; all the same Day (b). On the 6th of the Calends of the same Month, *John Wyke*, Prior of his Cathedral Church, *Robert de Dicleston*, and *John de Aston*, Monks thereof, together with *John Brevel* his Sacrist, were made his *Penitentiaries*, to hear the Confessions of his Subjects throughout his Diocese (c). On the third of the *Nones* of *December*, he gave Commission to *John* Bishop of **Landaff**, to execute his Episcopal Office in his Absence from his See. And gave Orders to his Archdeacons and their Officials, to the Rural Deans, and all other Ecclesiastical Persons, to be obedient and aiding to him in the Execution of the same (d). On the 16th of *March*, he made *Benedict de Paston*, his Vicar General (e), and on *Palm Sunday* following he went over Sea in order to go to the Court of **Rome** (f). He was at **London** on the 11th of the Calends of *January* 1308, where, at the Request of *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of **Warwick**, he appropriated the Church of **Elmeley Castle** to *William de Wellesburn*, and his Successors,

(y) See App. N. 78. Rym. Fædera, T. 3. p. 27, &c. sede Vacante, f. 56, 57.

(a) Lib. Albus, f. 45. b.

(z) Reyn. f. 3. a. see Append. N. 80.

(e) Ibid. f. 9. a.

(z) See App. N. 79. & Reg.

(b) Reynande, f. 1. a.

(c) Ibid.

(f) Ibid. f. 9. b.

Masters of the Chapel or Chantry of the Blessed *Virgin Mary*, by him newly founded there (g). On the 6th of *July*, 1311, he was made *Chancellor of England*. On the 17th Kal. *July* 1313, he appropriated the Church of *Wotton* to the Abbot and Convent of *St. Augustine* in the City of *Bristol* (h). And his Prior and Convent of *Worcester* setting forth the Loss of eight Manors and five Churches in the Time of the Wars, and the Extortions they had undergone from Cunning Men, and the great Expence they were obliged to from the daily Conflux of People about Law and other Matters, and from Strangers coming thither to pass over the *Severn*, there being no Bridge at that time to pass the same between *Gloucester* and *Bridgenorth* but this, whereby they were so impoverished, that without timely Relief, they must lessen the Number of their fifty Monks, and retrench their Expenses; to help them in this their Necessity, and to enable them to keep up their usual Hospitality, he appropriated to them the Church of *Doderhull*, otherwise called the *Hill Church* in *Wich*, by his Deed dated at *London* on *Michaelmas* Day this same Year 1313 (i). Soon after he was translated to *Canterbury*, by the Pope's Bull bearing Date from the Priory of *Gianfell* near *Melansane* in the Diocese of *Gascony*, *October* 1. which he received at *London* on the 21st. and it was published in the Church of *St. Paul's* the 4th of *January* following. To him succeeded

WALTER de MAYDENSTON, one of the King's Agents at the Pope's Court, and by his Command soliciting there for the translating of *Walter Reynolds* to the See of *Canterbury*, and the rejecting of *Thomas Cobham* chosen by the unanimous Voices of the Monks of that Place. In which succeeding, and *Cobham* refusing to accept of the Bishoprick of *Worcester*, he obtained it for himself: He was consecrated by the Pope before the 11th of *October* 1313; for the 5th of the Ides of *October* 1315, is in his Register said to be the third Year of his Consecration (k). He came not into *England* till *February* the 12th, when

(g) Reyn. f. 21.
(k) Maydenston f. 37. a.

(h) Ibid. f. 76.

(i) Ibid. f. 96. b. 97. a. b. ibid. f. 98. a.

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he arrived at **Dover**, and brought along with him the Archbishop's Pall, which he delivered unto him the next Day. He staid at **Canterbury** till the 22d of *February* (l), for his Commission to *Walter de Bradwas*, to impower him to institute to vacant Livings, bears Date there on that Day. He was at his own Palace in the **Strand**, on the 5th of the Calends of *March*, and on that Day his Register begins. On the 14th of the Calends of *April*, *March* the 19th, he made *John de Briavel* his Sacrist, and *Roger de Styninton*, **Tumbary** (m). The next Month he set forward for his Diocese, and with Leave from the Bishop of **London** on *Easter* Eve, he ordained in the Chapel of his Manor House at **Wilyndon** (n). On the 22d of *April* he was at **Breedon**, the 26th at **Kemsey**, the 27th at **Wylke**, and on the 10th of *May* at **Hertlebury**, from whence he returned the 18th to **London**, where he staid till the 22d (o); and then set out for his Visitation of the Archdeaconry of **Gloucester**, and on the 1st of *June* ordained at **Cirencester** Accolytes 105, Subdeacons 140, Deacons 133, Presbyters 85, in all 463 (p). In *July* he returned to **London** (q), came back in *August*, and visited the Archdeaconry of **Worcester**. He was at **Kemsey** the 22d, where he confirmed, or rather renewed the Appropriation of the Church of *St. Augustines Doderbul* in **Wich**, to his Priory (r). In the midst of his Visitation, being called away by the King, he deputed Mr. *John Bloyon*, his Official, and *Gilbert de Kirkeby* Clerk, to carry on the same, and went immediately to the King at **York**, where he was retired after the Battle of **Bannocksburn** near **Stirling** in **Scotland** (s). We find him again in his Diocese in *October*, and on the 15th of *November* he appropriated the Church of **Powpke** to the Priory of **Great Balverne**, to make them amends for their Loss of several Churches and Manors during the Wars between **England** and **Wales**; to enable them to pay their Debts, and to support them in the Maintenance of Twenty six Monks, and Thirty poor Men living therein (t). He ordained at **Worcester** on

(l) Maydenston f. 2. b.
f. 8, 9, 10, 11.

(m) Ibid f. 2.
(q) Ib. f. 13.

(o) Ibid. f. 3.
(r) Ib. f. 16. b.

(p) Ib. f. 5.
(s) Ibid.

(t) Ibid. f. 16.

St. Thomas's Day, Accolytes 50, Subdeacons 115, Deacons 136, Priests 109, in all 310. And on the 27th, being again obliged to leave his Diocese upon the Account of Publick Affairs, he appointed *Simon de Walpole* S. Th. Prof. and Mr. *John Bloyon* beforementioned, to institute to all vacant Benefices in his Absence (u). On the third of the Ides of February, being then at **London**, he appropriated the Church of **Chornbury** in **Gloucestershire**, to the Abbot and Convent of **Gloucester**, who had suffered many losses by Fire, and Inundations, and War, allotting to the Vicar Twenty five Marks yearly (x). On the 19th of *March* following he was at **Fladbury**, where he appropriated to the Precentor of the Priory of **Worcester** the Church of **Cyberton**, for the Augmentation of his Salary, which was before but Forty Shillings *per Ann.* and that too little to defray the Charge incumbent on his Office, of copying out New Books, and repairing the Old, of exhibiting to Clerks officiating under him, of keeping an Horse and a Servant for the Use of the Monastery; not without several other Duties (y). The Summer following 1315, he visited all the Religious Houses throughout his Diocese (z), and consecrated many Churches and Abundance of Altars (a). In *June*, the Churches of **Wolwardington** and **Wrochall**, the great Altars at **Kydermynstre**, **Hadesore**, **Kynewarton**, **Bidford**, **Preston**, and **Ebrithston**. In *July*, the Churches of **Harscomb**, **Elsmore**, **Frethorn**, **Frampton**, **Arreley**, **Dudminton**, **Cettebury**, the Chapels of **Waddon**, **Siston**, and **Badminton**, the Chancel of **Wesseley**, the great Altars of **Heyhamstede**, **Beggeworth**, **Herdwylke**, **St. Leonards Bristol**, **Frampton Cotel**, and **Abbotston** (b). In *September* and *October*, the Churches of **Merston Sicca**, **Credington**, **Shipston**, **Bularden** and **Chirinton**, the great Altars of **Clyve Prior**, **Merston Subege**, **Hynnynton**, **Beckford**, **Overbury**, **Saperton**, **Witley**, and **Winchinghampton** (c). This Year also there happened a Controversy between the Archbishops of **Canterbury** and **York**, in which he was not a little concerned. For

(u) Mayd. f. 20.

(x) Ibid. f. 17, 18.

(y) Ibid. f. 23.

(z) Ibid. f. 23,

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(a) Ibid. f. 29 and 37.

(b) Ibid. f. 29, 30.

(c) Ibid. f. 37.

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although several Popes (*d*), and Kings, and Nobility of the Kingdom had often confirmed the Rights and Privileges of the See of **Canterbury**, and its Superiority and Precedency before that of **York**, yet *William Greenfield*, then Archbishop of the same, travelling through this Diocese, presumed to have his Cross carried before him, and to give in a solemn Manner his Benediction to the People, which he ought only to have done in his own Province, and not in that of another; whereupon the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, as soon as he heard thereof, sent two Mandates to our Bishop, commanding him to excommunicate the said *Archbishop* of **York** and all his Adherents, which he did at the Priory of **Lanthony** near **Gloucester** 5 Non. *July* 1315, and the Official of the Archdeacon of **Worcester** certified that he had done the same in his Archdeaconry, 14 Kal. of *August* following (*e*). Also on the 16th of the Kal. of *February* this Year, he appropriated the Church of *Bidford* in **Warwickshire**, to the Prior and Convent of **Kenilworth**, to repair the Losses they had sustained during the Siege of that Castle, and to enable them to rebuild the Nave of their Church (*f*). In 1316, we find him again in several Parts of his Diocese, particularly at his Manors of **Hampton Episcopi**, **Wythindon**, **Breedon**, **Alvechurch**, and **Hertlebury**. At **Hylindon**, near **Arbidge**, on the Nones of *December*, he appropriated the Church of *Long Compton* in **Warwickshire**, to the Abbey and Convent of *Walden* in **London** Diocese, for the better Support of the 25 Monks that lived therein, and of four more added on the Death of the Lady *Elizabeth*, King *Edward's* Sister, who was there buried (*g*). The next Month being obliged to go beyond Sea on urgent Occasions, he commissioned *Richard de Clare*, and *Richard de Chaddefley*, Parson of **Kemsey**, to be his Vicars General, to take Care of his Diocese in his Absence; and on the 5th of the Kal. of *February*, the Register of their Institutions begins, the Bishop being then in foreign

(*d*) Pascal, Eugenius, Alexander, Urban. see Bin. Conc. T. x. p. 1192. Decem Script. p. 579. Anselm. L. 5. & 6. Antiq. Brit. p. 121, &c. Edit. Han. (*e*) Mayd. f. 30, 31. see Append. N. 81.
(*f*) Ibid. f. 42. (*g*) Ibid. f. 43, 44, 45

Parts. After which we hear no more of him, but that he died on the 28th of *March*, at what Place not said (*b*).

I have been a little more particular in setting down the Actions of his Life whilst Bishop of *Worcester*, which seem to have been a continued Series of Care and Devotion, because I find him labouring under the Character of a Man infamous for his Life and Conversation ; but nothing of this appears in his Register. That he was very poor, is plain from many Places thereof. On the 27th of *March*, in the 7th of *Ed. II.* as soon as he came to *London*, he took up there of *Robert de Dumbleton*, 10 *l.* to carry him down to his Diocese (*i*). On the 5th of the Calends of *May*, he bought of the Archhishop his Stock on the several Manors of this Bishoprick for 221 *l.* 6 *s.* 6 *d.* but having not wherewithal to pay, he was forced to give Bond for the same, payable at *Christmas* following (*k*) ; and to pay it then, and to satisfy other Creditors, he took up of *Robert de Maydenstone* Canon of *Chichester* 244 *l.* and of *John de Bereford* Citizen and Merchant of *London* 100 *l.* more (*l*). On the first of *June* 1315, he gave Bond to *Robert de Maydenstone* for the further Sum of 142 *l.* (*m*), and on the 13th of *July* he empowered *Adam de Murymouth*, and *Andrew Sapiti*, to take up in his Name of any Merchants 500 Florens of Gold, and to pay the same into the Apostolick Chamber, being, I suppose, the Money he had promised to pay thereto upon his Promotion to this See (*n*). He had not ready Money wherewithal to pay his Lawyers, and therefore to satisfy them as well as he could, he granted them yearly Pensions ; to *Andrew de Brugge* his Advocate in the Court of *Canterbury*, five Marks Sterling, to be paid at *Michaelmas* and *Easter* ; the same to *John de Stretford*, *Richard de Gloucester*, and *John Osseworth* ; and to *John de Treffuntis* his Proctor there 40 *s.* yearly (*o*). 5 Cal. Oct. 1315, he granted the forementioned annual Pension of five Marks to *Adam Murymouth* Professor of Civil Law, for good Services done and to be done, till he

(*b*) Mayd. f. 49, 50. (*i*) Ibid. f. 2. (*k*) Ibid. f. 5. (*l*) Ibid. f. 17. a. (*m*) Ibid. f. 29. a. (*n*) Ibid. f. 32. b. 33. a. (*o*) Ibid. f. 29. a.

should give him, or any one belonging to him, a sufficient Benefice (*p*). This is the Person, who, in his History, hath transmitted down to Posterity so ill a Character of him; angry, perhaps, for not being better rewarded by him. His Death was made known to the Prior and Convent the 7th of *April* 1317; on the 13th the Prior was constituted the Archbishop's Official during the Vacancy of the See, and on the 19th they received the *Conge d'Eslire* from the King (*q*); but before this, by his Letter dated the 10th of *April*, he had recommended to the Pope,

THOMAS COBHAM, "One worthy of his Favours, born of
" noble Blood, of eminent Learning, of good Fame, of bright Morals,
" of great Prudence both in Spirituals and Temporals, and endowed
" with an Heap of many Virtues (*r*)." Upon which he promoted him to this Bishoprick, and he was consecrated at *Avignon*, by the Cardinal of *Portia*, the 11th Calends of *June*, 1317. (*s*). His Education was at *Cambridge*, and, as *Chancellor* of that *University*, he is inserted in the Catalogue of their Benefactors. He occurs Prebendary of *Wells*, *December* 13, 1299; Archdeacon of *Lewes* 1301; Precentor of *Poek* *July* 14, 1312; Prebendary of *Fenton* in the same Church on the 8th Ides of *December* in the same Year (*t*), and Prebendary of *St. Paul's London*. *Godwin* says, Prebendary and Subdean of *Salisbury*. Upon the Death of *Robert Winchelsea*, this good Clerk was chosen by the Monks of *Canterbury* their Archbishop, *May* 28, 1313, and was, by their Proctors, presented to the King then at *Paris*, *June* the 8th, who took time to consider of it till the 24th, when being again presented to him at *Pontoise*, he again put it off till his return to *England*. *Cobham* despairing of the King's Consent, went away to the Pope then at *Avignon*; but the King, by his Proctors and Agents, had so managed the Matter before he came there, that the *Pope* pretending to have disposed of this Archbishoprick by way of *Provision*, by his Bull dated

(*p*) Mayd. f. 37. vid. Append. N. 81.
al. cxviii. see Append. N. 83.
vey of York Cathedral, f. 132.

(*q*) Reg. Sede Vac. f. 98, 99, 100.
(*s*) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 532, 533.

(*r*) Cobh. f. iii.
(*t*) Br. Willis's Sur-

April the 27th 1313, which preceded his Election, on the 24th of *September*, he promoted thereto *Walter Reynold* Bishop of *Worcester*, and, to make *Cobham* some amends, he offered him the said Bishoprick; but he refusing, and boldly insisting on the Right of his Election, he incurred both the Pope's and King's Displeasure. *Worcester* was given to *Maydenstone*; and *Cobham* retiring, durst not return to *England* till Archbishop *Walter* had reconciled him to the King: and upon *Maydenstone's* Death, he accepted of this Bishoprick, which before he had refused. *James Cobham* was his *Vicar General* during his stay beyond Sea, who, in his Name, received the Obedience of all his Subjects of the Archdeaconry of *Worcester* in the Cathedral Church there, on the *Tuesday* before the Nativity of *St. John Baptist*, 11 Cal. *July* 1317, and the same of all his Subjects of the Archdeaconry of *Gloucester* in the Monastery of *St. Peter's* Church there, on the 5th of the Calends of the same Month (*u*). In that of *November* he came into *England*, and on the 15th was received at *Canterbury* with a solemn Procession of the Monks, and there made his Profession of Obedience to the Archbishop. On the 25th he was at *London*, on which Day his Register begins, and that of his *Vicar General* ends. Before this I suppose he was enthroned by Proxy; for at the End of the Acts of *James Cobham*, there is a Note inserted of Fifty seven Pounds sent him by several Persons as Gifts from them at his Inthronization, fifty Marks of which, he says, he paid to the Merchants, and thirty to the Court of *Rome* (*x*). He went not down to his Diocese till the Year 1319, when in *November* he visited his Cathedral, and, on the Morrow after *St. Thomas* the Apostle, he ordained in *St. Nicholas's* Church Sub-deacons 43, Deacons 96, Priests 91, in all 230 (*y*). In 1320, being then at *Bertlebury*, he received a Letter from the King, dated on the *Wednesday* before the New Year, summoning him to be at *Westminster* on the Feast of *St. Hilary*, to go along with other Nobles to treat of a Peace

(*u*) *Maydeston*, f. 52. a.
50, 51.

(*x*) *Ibid.* f. 56. see *Append. N.* 84.

(*y*) *Cobh.* f. 42,

with the **Scots** ; but **London** being much out of his way to the *North*, he desired his Majesty to excuse him coming that way, which he did by a Letter he received from him on the *Morrow* after *Epiphany* ; for which he returned his Majesty many Thanks, and assured him, that he would set forward on his Journey on *Tuesday* the Feast of *St. Hilary*, or on the *Morrow* without fail, and doubted not, with God's Assistance, to be at the Place appointed by the Time prefixed (z). Not long after his return, he wrote a Letter to the *Pope* to let him know how Matters went, and to desire him to put a helping Hand to the Healing of the Divisions of the Kingdom, for that whilst he was at the Treaty, the Barons had rebelled against the King. And another he wrote to *James*, Cardinal Deacon, on the same Subject, as also to excuse himself for not having preferred some Persons that he had recommended to him, and to both he sent handsome Presents (a). Upon the Invasion of the **Scots**, the King wrote to him to raise and send some Soldiers for the Defense of the Realm : to which he returned Answer, that there were none fit for Service to be found in these Parts, all such having been already taken up by his Officers ; however, that he might not be thought wanting in Duty, he had sent him up 50*l.* excusing the Smallness of the Present upon the Account of his having suffered many Losses, and on his coming to the Bishoprick found it spoiled and naked ; but that whenever his Affairs should be more prosperous, he would assist him to the utmost of his Power (b). We meet with a very large Ordination of his at **Ambresby**, 15 Kal. *Jan.* 1322, *Accolytes* 120, *Subdeacons* 102, *Deacons* 50, *Priests* 60, in all 332, which shews the Multitude of the Clergy in those Days (c). On the 3d Ides of *June* 1325, he appropriated the Church of **Snitfield** to the Priory of *St. Sepulchres Warwick*, having suffered much by a great Fire (d). The same Year he appropriated the Church of **Langbergh** or **Longbarow** in the Deanry of **Stow**, to the Abbot and Convent of **Dayles**, and on the 4th Cal. of

(z) Cobh. f. 63. al. lxx. (a) Ibid. f. 64. al. lxxi. see Append. N. 85, 86. (b) Ibid. f. 73. al. lxxx. see Append. N. 87. (c) Ibid. f. 82. al. lxxxix. (d) Ibid. f. 103, al. cx.

April, 1326, he ordained the Vicaridge to the Value of 10 *l. per Ann.* (e). On the 6th Nones of *May* following, he appropriated the Church of *Amblesky* to the Abbey of *Evesham*, situated on a great Road, and labouring under unsupportable Burthens, the Loss of Twenty eight Manors, and three Churches (f). On the 3d Ides of *August*, 1327, he appropriated the Church of *St. Andrew* in *Derthore* to the Monastery there, their Church and Houses having suffered very much by Fire, besides the Loss of 30 Manors since its Foundation (g). This Year he was, with others, commissioned by the *Pope* to visit the Chapter of *York*, upon the Account of some Differences arisen between them and their *Archbishop*, from whom he received a Letter dated *June* 5, sent by *Adam de Haselbeck* his Domestick Chaplain, desiring him to come thither in Person, and promising to defray all the Charges of his Journey; but by his Letter dated *June* 17 (h), he handsomely excused himself, by reason he then laboured under a Complication of Distempers, which soon after brought him to his End; for he died at *Hertlebury* on the 27th of *August* following (i). By his last Will and Testament, he left several of his Priestly Garments, his great Missal, two Silver Candlesticks, two Silver Vials, and the Image of the *Virgin Mary*, given him by the Abbot of *St. Augustin Bristol*, to the Altar where he should be buried. His fine Mitre given him by the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, to the Church of *Worcester* for ever; a long Carpet of various Work to put under the Bishop's Feet, and a Jewel set in Gold, to hang at the High Altar. To his Successor, amongst other Things, he left all the Utensils, of his Kitchen, whether at *London*, or elsewhere, within the Diocese; and in particular, all his Corn sown in all his Manors, and forty Oxen, on condition he should leave so much to his Successor, or an Hundred Pounds in lieu thereof. This he did, for that he had heard it had been so formerly, Bishop *Giffard* having left an Hundred Pounds, to be put into the Sacrist's Hands, for the Use of his Suc-

(e) Cobh. f. 112. al. cxix.
f. 123. see Append. N. 88.

(f) Ibid. f. 112, 113.
(i) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 533.

(g) Ibid. f. 129. al. cxxxi.

(h) Ibid.

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cessors, and he did it *gratis*, for at his entrance on the Bishoprick, he received not a Penny, or the Value of a Penny in Corn or Utensels, but his Manors spoiled, and his Houses dilapidated, which he had repaired with no little Cost (*k*). He was a learned and good Man, and a Lover of Learning. He began a Library at *Oxford* over the old Congregation House about the Year 1320, or rather later, for he died in 1327 before it was finished, and it might have been built in less than seven Years; however he took care to leave enough to perfect it (*l*). He lieth buried in the North Isle of the Cathedral, near to the Altar of St. *John Baptist*, which Isle he covered with an arched Roof at his own Charge. His Tomb stands close to the North Wall, above the North Door, and a little below the North Chapel, which was called by the Name of *Jesus Chapel*.

Upon the Death of *Cobham*, the Monks, with Leave from the King, chose their Prior *Wolstan de Braunsford* to be their Bishop, which Election his Majesty confirmed, took his Oath of Fidelity, and delivered up the Temporalities to him; and a Rumour being spread abroad that the Pope had made a Reservation of this Bishoprick to himself, he wrote a Letter to him and to all the Cardinals from *Notingham*, bearing date *September* the 6th, giving them an Account of the Canonical Election that had been made of Prior *Wolstan*, with his Leave, a Man of Religion and Learning, and upon all Accounts fit for so high a Station; humbly petitioning his *Holiness*, that if he had made any Reservation thereof, he would at this Time wave it for the Peace and Prosperity of the Kingdom, and the Honour of the Universal Church (*m*). It is said that the Archbishop did confirm the same *October* 3, but durst not consecrate him, nor durst the Prior and Convent of *Canterbury*, upon his Death, call together any of the Suffragan Bishops of the Province to do it, tho' commanded so to do by the King and his Great Council, *November* 17, then at *Pontfract* (*n*); for they were

(*k*) *Cobh. f. 45. see Append. N. 89. Fœdera, T. 4. p. 308. see App. N. 90.*

(*l*) *Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 533.*
(*n*) *Ibid. p. 324. see App. N. 92.*

(*m*) *Rymer's*

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afraid of the Pope, who by virtue of the Reservation of this Bishoprick to himself had given it to

ADAM *de ORLTON* or *HORLETON*, Bishop of *Hereford*, then at his Court at *Avignon*, by his Bull dated *September* the 28th, 1327. As soon as the King heard of it, he was very angry, and on the 12th of *December*, he and his great Council, being then at *Coventry*, he sent him a threatening Letter, severely reprimanding him for what he had done, and injoining him upon his Fidelity and Oath of Allegiance, and upon the Forfeiture of all that he could forfeit, to do nothing that should prejudice the Right of his Crown; for if he did, he was resolved to punish him (o). And on the 26th, a Summons was sent him to appear in Person before the King and Parliament at *York*, on the Sunday after the Feast of the Purification of the *Virgin Mary*, and not to fail at his Peril (p); but it seems the Pope's Authority prevailed, and got the better of the King, who delivered him up the *Temporalities* on the 2d of *March* following (q). He was born in the City of *Hereford*, and was made Bishop of that See *September* the 26th, 1317. which he got the same Way that he did this of *Worcester*; for notwithstanding the King had wrote to the Pope in behalf of *Thomas de Cherleton*, Doctor of Civil Law, who had many Relations in *Herefordshire* able to aid the King in his Wars against the *Welch*, and had wrote to him himself, commanding him, as he valued the publick Peace of his Kingdom, not to accept of it, if offered to him, and to all the Cardinals, if possible, to hinder it; yet he minded it not, but relying upon the Pope's Authority he accepted of it, and gained his Point (r). Afterwards he joined with the Duke of *Lancaster* in Rebellion against the King, and had been hanged for the same, had not the Archbishop, with some others of his Brethren, interposed, by asserting their Right of Exemption from the Temporal Courts, and their Privileges not to be tried by Laymen (s). On the 19th of *June*, 1328, being *Sunday*,

(o) Rym. Fœd. T. 4. p. 330. see App. N. 92. (p) Ibid. p. 331. see App. N. 93. (q) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 533. (r) Rym. Fœd. T. 3. p. 637, 638, 639. (s) Antiqu. Brit. p. 214, 215. Ed. Han.

and the Feast of *Gervasius* and *Prothasius*, by Commission from *Hugo de Engolisma* Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, he was solemnly inthronized by Mr. *William de Fowhope* Canon of **Hereford**, one of his Vicars General, and *J. de Radenhale*, Chaplain of the free Chapel of St. *Stephen's Westminster*, in the Presence of *W. de Evesham*, *W. de Pershore*, and *John de Hayles*, Abbots; Mr. *Thomas de Chandos*, Archdeacon of **Hereford**; *Richard de Vernon*, *T. and J. de Orleton*, and *R. de Breynton*, Canons of the same. And the aforesaid *John de Redenhale*, the Archdeacon's Proctor, received in his Name the usual Fees (*t*). During his sitting in this See, he appropriated the Church of **Cyderinton** to the Prior and Convent of **Lanthony** juxta **Gloucester**, the 9th of *November* 1330 (*u*); **Bishampton**, to the Nuns of **Cokhull** on the 19th of *September* 1331 (*x*), and this Year gave his Consent, together with the Parson of **Stretford**, for the Founding a Chantry there by *John de Stretford* Bishop of **Winchester**, on the 8th Ides of *October*, and confirmed the same on the 9th Kal. of *March* following, which *John de Stretford*, with *Robert* his Brother, gave to *Adam* and his Successors for ever, ten Selions of Pasture Ground in **Old-Stretford**, by their Deed dated at **Stretford** upon **Abon**, on *Tuesday* after the Feast of St. *Luke* the 5th of *Edward III.* and was confirmed by that *King* the 17th of *November* following (*y*). He also appropriated **Doderhull** of the yearly Value of thirty Pounds to the Prior and Convent here, by express Command from the Pope, the 3d of *November* 1333, he being then at **Paris** (*z*); **Longdon** to the Abbey and Convent of **Westminster**, the 11th of *January* 1333 (*a*); and again, by the Command of the Pope, **Fairford** to **Cewkesbury**, on the 26th of the same Month (*b*). His Ordinations were frequent, and sometimes very large, particularly at **Cewkesbury** on the Vigil of *Trinity Sunday* 1329, where he ordained *Accolytes* 218, *Subdeacons* 47, *Deacons* 79, *Presbyters* 62, in all 406 (*c*). And at **Camptden**, on *Saturday* after the Feast of *Pentecost* 1331, where he ordained *Accolytes* 221,

(*t*) Horl. V. 2. f. 6, 7. see App. N. 94.
Alb. Episc. Wig. f. 123, 141, 142.
(*c*) Ibid. f. 5, 6, 7.

(*u*) Ib. f. 21.

(*x*) Ib. f. 25.

(*y*) Lib.

(*z*) Ib. f. 53.

(*a*) Ib. f. 53 & 56.

(*b*) Ib. f. 56.

Subdeacons 100, *Deacons* 47, *Presbyters* 51, in all 419 (*d*). On the 19th of *December* 1332, with Leave of the Bishop of *Paris*, he ordained in the Chapel of his own hired House there. And in the first Week in *Lent* following, with Leave of the Vicars General of *Peter* Bishop of *Soissons*, he ordained in the Conventual Church of the little Sisters de *Nogent Artaud* (*e*). When Queen *Isabel* came into *England*, he heartily joined with her and her Followers in their Rebellion, and preached against the King at *Oxford*. When Prisoner at *Hereford*, he went and demanded of him his Broad Seal, and was too much concerned in his Murther, by privately conveying Orders to his Keepers, and with them this Line, *Edwardum occidere nolite timere bonum est*; which, being differently pointed, bears a different Meaning: for if you set the Comma between *nolite* and *timere*, it forbideth; if between *timere* and *bonum*, it exhorteth to do it; and they knowing his Meaning too well executed it with the utmost Barbarity. After this with his usual Insolence he treated the Son as he had done his Father; for without his Knowledge, he got the Pope by his Authority to translate him from this See to that of *Winchester*, which he did *December* the 1st, 1333. This provoked the King to that Degree, that he caused him publicly to be libelled against in the Pope's Court, as a Man infamous for many Crimes, and most unworthy of being promoted to such a Dignity. His Accusation consisted of three Articles: 1. *That he caused Robert Baldock, Clerk, to be apprehended and imprisoned, where he died.* He was King *Edward* the II'd's Chancellor, and taken and brought to *Hereford* with him, and, being a Clergyman, was delivered into this Bishop's Hands, who soon after took him to *London*, and entering the City, with his Connivance, several Persons fell upon him, terribly abused him, hurried him away to *Newgate*, where he soon died of the Blows he received. In his Answer to this, he passes over his being beaten and abused, only says he died a natural Death in Prison. 2. *That in a publick Sermon at Oxford, in the Presence of the Queen, and Prince,*

(*d*) Ibid. f. 9, &c.(*e*) Ib. V. I. f. 14.

and many Noblemen he asserted King Edward to be a Tyrant, and did then stir up his Subjects to depose and imprison him. To this he answered, that it was true he did preach there, and that his Text was Gen. iii. 15. *And I will put enmity between thee and the Woman, and between thy Seed and her Seed, it shall bruise thy Head*—but that he applied not this to the King and Queen, but to Hugh Spencer, and the Queen. 3. That by his Advice and Persuasion, the Queen had departed from her Husband, and never after would go near him. In Answer to this he denied not the Fact, but said, that it was necessary by reason of King Edward's Cruelty, which he much aggravates; saying, that there was Cause to fear ill Treatment, even after the Death of Hugh Le Dispenser. These Answers are extant at the End of the *Decem Scriptorum Anglicani*, where they may be read at large, not much to his Credit; he alledging in his Excuse the Proclamations and Acts of successful Rebels in order to depose their Lawful King (f); but as bad as they were, they served his turn: and having by his usual Craft obtained again the King's Favour, he got quiet Possession of that Bishoprick that same Year. Two only before him of all our English Bishops were translated from a second to a third Bishoprick, which gave Occasion for these Verses to be made on him:

*Trinus erat Adam, talem suspendere vadam.
Thomam despexit, Wulstanum non bene rexit,
Swithunum maluit, cur? quia plus valuit (g).*

*Adam was thrice preferred, a Rope he well deserved,
Thomas he slighted, Wulstan he ill ruled,
Swithun he chused, why? because much richer in his Eye.*

SIMON de MONTEACUTO or MOUNTAGU succeeded (h), the King thought to have given him the Bishoprick of Winchester, but the

(f) Dec. Script. Col. 2764, 2765, 2766, 2767, 2768.

(g) Ang. Sac. P. i. p. 553.

(h) Simon de Montecuto fert tres Bendas undulantes in campo aur. & in medio incutum tribus rhombis depictum. Ang. Sac. P. i. Hist. Elyenf. p. 649.

Pope conferred it on *Adam*, and by his Provifory Bull dated at *Avinion*, 3 Id. *Dec.* 1333. preferred *Simon* to this See, in room of the other; and by another Bull dated on the 15th of the fame Month, he gave him Power to be confecrated by what Catholick Bifhop he pleased, and that Bifhop to take his Oath of Canonical Obedience directly to the See of *Rome*, and not to the Archbishop of *Canterbury*; but this not to prejudice for the future the Right of that Metropolitcal See (*i*). Accordingly he was confecrated at *Came* on the 8th Ides of *May*, by the Bifhop of *Lincoln*, affifted by the Bifhops of *Bath* and *Sarum*, who took his Oath of Fidelity and Obedience to his *Holinefs*, and to the Church of *Rome*, of all which he fent him a particular Account, dated from *Crokhams*, the 4th Nones of *August* 1334 (*k*). He was Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, and the *Pope's* Chaplain, in Subdeacon's Orders, and commended by him for a learned Man of elegant Morals, of fair Honefty, of bright Chafteity, provident in Spirituals, and circumfpect in Temporals. During his fitting in this See, he confirmed the Ordination of a Chantry in the Chapel of *Chelmeſcote* by *Thomas de Pakynton* of *Weyles*, *January* the 4th, 1334 (*l*); and on the 6th Ides of *February* following, he confirmed the Appropriation of the Church of *Longdon* to the Abbot and Convent of *Weftminſter*, and ordained the *Vicaridge* there (*m*). In 1335, he viſited his whole Dioceſe, and publicly preached in many Places (*n*). In 1336, *May* the 22d, he reſtored to his Prior and Convent the Manor of *Croule*, which had been formerly taken from them, and was then held of him *in Capite*; for which they made him Partaker of all their Prayers, and ordered that the Day of his Death ſhould be inferted in their *Martyrology*, and his Anniverſary to be kept with Maſs and Chant in their Choir (*o*). This ſame Year, on *Friday* after the Feaſt of *St. Kenelm* the Martyr, at the Deſire of the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, he gave him the perpetual Advowſon of the Church of

(*i*) Mont. V. 1. f. 11. a. ſee App. N. 95, 96.

(*m*) Ib. V. 2. f. 25. b.

(*n*) V. 2. f. 45, 48.

(*k*) Ib. f. 13. a.

(*o*) Mont. V. 2. f. 19, 20.

(*l*) Ib. f. 19.

Stretford, of which he was Patron, and appropriated it to the Chapel of *St. Thomas the Martyr*, founded by him when Bishop of **Winchester**; and that his Church might not suffer by this Grant, the said Archbishop gave to him and his Successors one Messuage, one Carucate of Land 10 s. Rent, with its Appertenances, in **Perseley Grove** near **Hampton**, of the yearly Value of ten Marks; and *Robert de Stretford*, his Brother, Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, gave one Piece of Meadow, seventeen Selions of Pasture in the **Homme**, one Messuage in **Berestreet**, another in **Hogstreet**, and a third, with two Shops, in **Chirchestreet**. Lands formerly belonging to the Bishop's Table, and had been alienated by *Walter de Maydenstone* (p). His Ordinations were frequent and very large, particularly at **Ambresley**, on the 4th Ides of *June* 1335, where were ordained by him Accolytes 251, Subdeacons 115, Deacons 133, Priests 22, in all 521 (q). And again, in his Cathedral Church the 9th of *April* 1337, he ordained Accolytes 391, Subdeacons 180, Deacons 154, Priests 124, in all 849 (r). But a little before this last Ordination, *Pope Benedict XII.* had translated him to **Ely**, and gave this to

THOMAS HEMENHALE or **EMENHALE** (s), so called from the Place of his Nativity, a Village about seven Miles South from **Norwich**, in which City he was a Monk; and, upon the Death of *William Ayremin*, chosen by his fellow Monks to be their Bishop, and was then at the Pope's Court soliciting the Confirmation thereof. But instead of **Norwich** the Pope gave him **Worcester**, and he was consecrated by him at **Avinion**, from whence he sent a Commission to *Wolstan* Prior, and Mr. *Stephen de Kettlebury*, and Mr. *Andrew de Offord*, to be his Vicars Generals during his stay in foreign Parts, dated there the 3d of *April* 1337 (t). He came not back to **England** till *July*, on the 6th Day of which Month, being the Eve of the Translation of *St. Thomas the Martyr*, before the High Altar of the Cathedral Church of **Canterbury**, he made his solemn Profession of Obedience to his

(p) Mont. V. 1. f. 50. and following Leaves; Lib. Alb. Ep. Wig. f. 124. (q) Ibid. f. 41, &c.
(r) Ib. f. 50, &c. (s) Reg. Sed. Vac. f. 147. b. (t) Hem. f. 6.

Metropolitan (*u*). From thence he came to **London**, where on the 10th of the same Month, he made *Simon de Crompe* Sacrist (*x*). On the 5th of *August*, *Robert de Stretford*, Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, commission'd Mr. *Henry Cocham*, Clerk, in his stead to inthronize him; but when he was so is not said; nor any thing farther very remarkable of him do I find, but that at a publick Ordination at **Teukesbury**, on the 8th Ides of *June* 1338, there were ordained by him *Accolytes* 204, *Subdeacons* 141, *Deacons* 117, *Priests* 149; in all 613. He died at his Castle of **Hertlebury** on *St. Thomas's Day* *December* 21, 1338, and was buried in his Cathedral Church on the Feast of *St. John* the Apostle and Evangelist following (*y*). On the 24th before he was buried, the *Prior* and *Convent* sent *Simon de Crompe* Sacrist, and *William de Bergavenny*, another of their Monks, to notify his Death to the King, and to beg Leave to choose another (*z*); which having obtained, on the *Monday* after the Feast of the *Circumcision*, they chose

WOLSTAN de BRAUNSFORD their *Prior* (*a*), and after having been supplied with Bishops for seven Successions by the Pope's Provisions, they at this Time recovered their Right, and his Election was confirmed by *Robert* Bishop of **Chichester**, Vicar General of *John* Archbishop of **Canterbury** then in remote Parts, on the 13th Kalends of *April*; and the next Day being *Palm Sunday*, he was consecrated by him in the Cathedral Church there; and on the *Sunday* following being *Easter Day*, he was by *Bernard Sistre* Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, solemnly inthronized in his Cathedral Church (*b*). He was old and infirm when he came to this See; for in the next Year, on *August* the 25th 1339, being summoned to the Parliament that was to be held at **Westminster** after *Michaelmas*, he sent a Letter to his Majesty to desire him to excuse his attendance upon the Account of his many Infirmities, which the King graciously granted; and upon the Bishop's promising of him to celebrate in Person, as long as he lived and was able, the An-

(*u*) *Angl. Sac. P.* 1. p. 534.
(*a*) *Ib.* f. 153.

(*x*) *Hem.* f. 10. a.
(*b*) *Wolst.* V. 1. f. 3.

(*y*) *Reg. Sed. Vac.* f. 145.

(*z*) *Ibid.*

niversary of his *Father* in the Abbey Church of St. *Peter* in *Gloucester*, by his Brief dated the 21st of *June*, 1340, he granted for himself and his Heirs, that he should be excused from coming to Parliament during his Life. And by another Brief in the Year 1342, confirmed the same (c). On the 28th of *June* 1340, the King notified to him the great Naval Victory he had obtained over the *French*, commanding him to return Thanks to God for the same, and to offer up Prayers to Him for the happy Progress of his Arms. Upon which he enjoined the Archdeacons of his Diocese, to stir up the Clergy and People in all their Churches, to celebrate Masses, to make solemn Prayers and Processions for the Prosperity of the *King* and his *Army*; and to all such as did so, he granted forty Days *Indulgence*, dated at *Blockkeley* on the 12th of *July* 1340 (d). During his sitting in this See, he appropriated the Moyetie of the Church of *Borton Daubency* to the Hospital of St. *John Warwick*, on the 8th Ides of *June* 1339 (e); *Coneworth* to the Priory of *Bartoke* on the 17th of *June* 1340 (f); *Aston Cantelow* to the same on the 4th of *October* 1345 (g); and the Church of *Yerdeley* in *Worcestershire* to the same Priory, on the 22d of *June* 1347 (h). The Church of *Campden* he appropriated to the Monastery of St. *Werburge* in *Chester*, on the 10th of *July* 1340, to make them amends for the Loss of thirty *Carucates* of Land overflowed by the Sea, and irrecoverably lost, which before brought them in One Hundred Pounds yearly (i). *Badmynton Magna* to the Abbot and Convent of *Littleshull* in the Diocese of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*, on the 4th of *September* 1342 (k). And *Clent* with the Chapel of *Rowley*, to the Abbot and Convent of *Hales Owen*, on the last Day of *May* 1344 (l). As he appropriated the foregoing Churches, so he confirmed the following *Chantrys*; that of the Blessed *Virgin Mary* in the Church of *Side*; that in the Chapel of St. *Katharine de Cambrugge*; that in the Chapel of St. *Maurice de Newport* for two Chaplains; and that in the Chapel of St. *John Baptist de Worteleye*;

(c) Ibid. See Append. N. 97, 98.
f. 7. (f) Ibid. f. 39.
(k) Ib. f. 53. (l) Ib. f. 83.

(d) Ibid. V. 1. f. 154. see Append. N. 99.
(g) Ibid. f. 91. (h) Ib. f. 105.

(i) Ibid.
(j) Ib. f. 41.

all of them founded by *William de Syde*, and all four confirmed on the same Day, *July* the 10th 1343 (m). The Chantry founded by Sir *Thomas de Berkeley*, in the Chapel of *St. James de Overe*, on the 2d of *June* 1345 (n); that of **Cubberley** for three Chaplains, by *Thomas de Berkeley* of **Cubberley**, on the 4th of *September* 1347 (o); that of the Blessed *Virgin Mary*, in the Chapel of the Monastery of **Cirencester**, on the 11th of *October* 1346, founded by *William de Hereward* (p); the Chantry of *St. Katharine's* Chapel in the Church of *Campden*, founded by one *Gondevil* in the Year 1347 (q); that of *Adam de Herwinton's* for two Chantry Priests, in the Conventual Church of *Perthore* on *Palm Sunday*, on the 9th of *April* 1346 (r); that founded by *Thomas Lord Berkeley* in the Abbey Church of *St. Augustins Bristol*, on the 27th of *April* 1348 (s); that in the Church of **Cormerton** founded by *John de la Rivere* Lord of **Cormerton**, for a *Warden*, four *Chaplains*, two *Clerks*, one of them to be a *Deacon*, and the other a *Subdeacon*, and three *Choristers*, daily to sing three *Masses* for the Health of his Soul, &c. and he at the same Time united the Parsonage of *Aeton Turvile* to that of **Cormerton**, appropriating the Revenues of it to the Use of the aforesaid *Wardens*, *Chaplains*, and *Choristers*, dated the 1st of *May* 1340 (t). In 1345, he was summoned to appear in Person before the *Pope*, having been accused by *John Bodemon* and *Thomas Dunclent*, and their Accomplices, of Disobedience to the Holy See; but by Letters dated the 20th of *June* to the *Pope*, *W. Bishop of Norwich*, *John de Offord* Dean of **Lincoln**, and Brother *Thomas de Isle*, the King desired he might be excused from coming in Person; for that if he attempted it, he would die by the Way, and that he might be allowed to answer by Proxy; commending him for a *just, pious, honest, sincere Man, to God and the Holy See, always devout and obedient* (u). He lived not many Years after, for he died at **Hertlebury** on the 6th of *August* 1349 (x).

(m) Wolfst. f. 76, 77, 78, 79.

(n) Ib. f. 88.

(o) Ib. f. 106, 107, 108, 109.

(p) Ib. f. 110.

(q) Ib. f. 121.

(r) Ib. f. 121, 122, &c.

(s) Ib. f. 125,

126.

(t) Ib. f. 165, 166.

(u) Rymer Fœd. T. 5. f. 438, 439. see Append. N. 100,

(x) Memorandum quod sexto Die Mensis Aug. A. D. MCCCXLIX, Indictione secunda Pontificis Dom. Clementis Pap. V. Anno Octavo, apud Hertlebury in Castro venerabilis Pater Dom. Wolfstanus, Dei gratia Wygorn. Episcopus diem suum clausit extremum. Wolfst. Vol. 2. f. ultimo.

Whilst Prior, *Anno Dom.* 1320, he built the great Hall adjoining to the Prior's House, now the Deanery, called *Queston Hall*, where they entertained their *Guests*, and kept a monthly Court called *Queston Hall Court*; it having been an antient Custom, that the Tenants of the Church of *Worcester* might not sue one another for any Action under 40 s. but in this Court, and was disused a little before the Civil Wars, because the Steward found it not worth his while to continue it. He is also said to have built the Bridge over *Teme* at *Braunsford*, the Place of his Nativity, two Miles from *Worcester*. Upon the Death of Bishop *Wolstan*, the Monks chose *John de Evesham* their Prior, but by Virtue of the Pope's Bull dated *September* the 4th, 1349, succeeded

JOHN de THORISBY or *Thursby*, removed from *St. Davids* hither. The Spiritualities were committed to him by the Archbishop on *January* the 2d; and on the 4th of the same Month, being hindered by the Publick Affairs of the Kingdom from going down to his Diocese, he deputed *Mr. William de Fenton*, and *Mr. John de Irford*, in his Name and Stead to take possession of the Spiritualities and all belonging thereto, and to receive the canonical Obedience of all his Subjects, and to exercise all spiritual Jurisdiction (y). Upon his coming to this Bishoprick, he sued *Richard de Bromwich*, *Thomas atte Mulne*, and *John de Wich*, Executors to his Predecessor; and recovered in the Archbishop's Court a Thousand Marks for Dilapidations, and One Hundred Pounds for Stock, which he should have left on the Manors of the Bishoprick: Six Hundred and Fifty Marks of which were paid into the Hands of *Geofry de Thoresby* for the Use of the Bishop, on the 18th of *April* 1350, and the Remainder on the third of *December* following (z). This Year he was made *High Chancellor* of *England*, and the Great Seal was delivered to him on *June* the 16th (a). On the 20th of *October* he ordained the Vicaridge of *Newbold Pacy*, which Church had been then lately appropriated by the Pope to *Queen's Colledge* in *Oxford* (b).

(y) *Thorisby* f. 4.
(b) *Thor.* f. 15.

(z) *Ib.* f. 4. a. 8. b. & 16. b.

(a) *Ang. Sac. P. 1. f. 535.*

and on the 25th of *February*, he appropriated the Church of *Honytone* in *Warwickshire*, to the Prior and Convent of the Cathedral Church of *Cobentry* (c). He went not down to his Diocese till 1351, and was there inthronized on *Monday* the 12th of *September*, by Mr. *John de Lech*, Official of the Court of *Canterbury*, by Deputation from *Hugh Pelegrin* the Pope's Nuncio, and Proctor of Cardinal *Peter* Archdeacon thereof (d). The next Year, upon the Death of *William de Zouche*, the Chapter of *York* unanimously chose him to succeed in that Archbishoprick, and they did it by way of *Postulation* to the Pope. *Gilbert de Weston*, one of their Canons, they sent to acquaint him with it, and upon hearing of it, by Letters he returned them his hearty Thanks for the great Favour they had done him, and for the good Opinion they had of him, when they had so many more learned Members of their own, and much better and fitter to be preferred before him (e); dated at *London* the 6th of *September* 1352. And another Letter he sent to the Pope, telling him, that he wanted Words to express the grateful Sense he had of the many Kindnesses he had shewn to him, in preferring him first to *St. Davids*, and then to *Worcester*; and in the present Case, wholly submitting himself to his Will, to act herein as he and the Apostolical See should think fitting: hoping, that out of his innate Goodness and Liberality, he would add this to his former Favours, which he begged but not presumed upon (f). And this was granted by his Provisory Bull dated the 16th of the Calends of *November* sent to the King, taking no notice of any Election or Postulation of the Chapter of *York* (g). He was brought up in *Oxford*, where he was very much esteemed for his Learning, being a great Divine, and a very good *Canonist*. He was Prebend of *Lincoln*, and Master of the *Rolls* (h), before he was preferred to the Bishoprick of *St. Davids*. He wrote divers Things both in *English* and *Latin*; amongst

(c) Thor. f. 19. b.

(d) Ib. f. 26. a.

(e) Ib. f. 45. see Append. N. 102.

(f) Ibid. see Append. N. 103.

(g) Rym. Fæd. T. 5. p. 744. see Append. N. 104.

(h) Br.

Willis in his Survey of York Cathedral.

the rest he published an Exposition upon the Ten Commandments in his Mother Tongue, which he required all the Clergymen in his Diocese to read diligently unto their Parishioners. This Work Bishop Godwin says he had, and kept as a Monument worthy to be esteemed. To him succeeded

REGINALD BRIAN, translated from St. David's hither, by the same Authority as his Predecessor was to that of York, the Pope's *Provisory Bull* bearing Date at Avinion five Days after that of Thorisby's, viz. on the 11th Cal. of November 1352. He made his Profession of Subjection to the Archbishop at Lambeth, April 7, 1353, and then received the Spiritualities from him, together with a Mandate to the Prior and Convent, superseding his Commission granted them to exercise Spiritual Jurisdiction *sede Vacante* (i). In June following, he made the Abbot of Tewkesbury his Vicar General (k). His Ordinations were many, but nothing nigh so large for Number as those of his Predecessors. 25 July 1356, he confirmed the Ordination of his Chantry of John Serjeant junior, in the Chapel of All Saints in Stone, within the Parish of the Blessed Virgin of Berkeley, endowed by him with Nine Messuages, 24 Acres of Land, 6 Acres of Meadow, 2 s. 1 d. Rent in Hampton, Bull, Alkrinton, and Camme (l). On the 16th of April 1359, he appropriated the other Moytie of the Church of Morton Daubeny to the Hospital of St. John Baptist in Warwick (m). In 1360, he confirmed Sir Thomas de Berkeley's Chantry for three Priests in the Church of St. Gyles in Cubberley (n). On the 23d of July 1361, he confirmed two Chantries more founded by Richard de Stafford, Kt. in the Chapel of St. Katherine the Virgin in Campden (o); and on the 2d of August following, he appropriated the Church of Camme to the Abbot and Convent of St. Peters in Gloucester, reserving yearly 20 Marks Sterling to the Vicar, and an annual Pension of 15 s. to the

(i) Rym. Fœd. Tom. 5. f. 745. see Append. N. 105. (k) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 5. (l) Brian f. 65, 66. (m) Ibid. f. 91. (n) Ibid. f. 97, 98, 99. (o) Ibid. f. 106.

Bishop of Worcester, and one Mark to the *Prior and Chapter* (p). This Year he was translated by Pope *Innocent VI.* to the See of *Ely*, but died of the Plague at *Albetrirthe* December the 10th, 1361, before he had accepted of it (q). He lies buried in a little Chapel called *Jesus Chapel*, on the North-side of the Body of the Church, as appears from his Arms on a fair Tomb close to the North Wall, still remaining, viz. *three Piles Azure in a golden Shield* (r). The Monks soon gave Notice to the King of Bishop *Brian's* Death, for on the 14th of *December* they obtained his License to choose another, but

JOHN BARNET succeeded by Virtue of the Pope's Provisory Bull which he made at the same Time that he removed *Brian* to *Ely* (s); and upon his sending Word thereof to the King, he revoked the License he had granted to the Prior and Convent (t). He was Chaplain to *Thomas de L' Isle* Bishop of *Ely*, who gave him the Rectory of *Derham* in the Year 1351. He was afterwards Residentiary Canon of *St. Paul's*, Archdeacon of *London*, and at length of *Essex*, from whence he was promoted to this See. He received the Spiritualities from the Archbishop *March* the 4th; and his Register begins *March* the 6th. On the 20th, he made *William Thingull* Rector of *Ripple*, and Dean of the *Arches*, his Vicar General. On the 13th of *July* 1362, *Raymund Pelegrini*, Proctor of *Peter* Cardinal Deacon of *St. Mary Newchurch* in *Rome*, and Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, in his Name commissioned the Abbots of *Gloucester*, *Cewkesbury*, and *Winchcomb*, to inthronize him; which Office *Walter* Abbot of *Winchcomb* performed on *September* the 18th, being the *Sunday* before the Feast of *St. Matthew* the Apostle (u). On *September* the 23d, following the Example of other Dioceses, to the Praise and Honour of Almighty God, and the Blessed *Virgin*, and *St. Oswald* and *St. Wolstan*, and *All Saints*, he ordained, that in all the Parochial Churches throughout his Diocese, the Priest every Sunday, after Sprinkling of the Holy Water, should injoin

(p) Brian, f. 35.

as, Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 662.

(u) Barnet, f. 10, 11.

(q) Ang. Sac. P. 1. f. 535.

(s) Reg. Sede Vac. f. 111.

(r) Brian, fert in scuto aureo tres pilas azure-

(t) Ibid. see App. N. 106.

the People to kneel and to pray for the *Brethren* and *Sisters* and *Benefactors* of his *Cathedral Church*, and of the *Fabrick* thereof, saying a *Pater Noster*, an *Ave Maria*, and some other *Collects*; and to all that should do this, or should give any thing to the *Fabrick* or *Confrairie* of the said Church, he granted *forty Days Indulgences* (x). This Year he was made *Treasurer* of **England**, and in the next, on *November*, the 24th he was translated to the See of **Bath** and **Wells**, and from thence in the Year 1366 to **Ely** (y). He quitted not this Bishoprick till *March*, for from the first Day of *April* 1364, the *Spiritualities* remained in the Hands of the Prior till the 2d Day of *July* (z).

WILLIAM WITTLESEY succeeded him, translated by the Pope's Bull from the See of **Rochester** to this of **Worcester**; some time in *March*, *Birchington* says on the 6th, 1363, to which Translation he consented on the 6th of *April*, 1364 (a). On the 26th of *June* he made *John de Swaynebeved*, L.L.B. his *Vicar General*, to whom a Commission was sent by *Raymund Pelegrini*, Proctor of Cardinal *Peter* Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, to inthronize the Bishop (b), it was dated the 14th of *February* 1364, and he executed it on *Sunday* the 11th of *May* 1365 (c). On the 5th Kal. of *August* 1367, he made the Chapel of *Henley* in **Arden**, a distinct Parish Church from *Wotten Wawen*, Burials excepted. He was Sister's Son of *Simon Islip* Archbishop of **Canterbury**, educated in the University of **Cambridge**, Master of *Peter House* there in 1349, to which, at his Death, he left his Library. From the University, he was sent by his Uncle to the Pope's Court as his Proctor; afterwards he was his *Vicar General* and *Official*; after that *Dean* of the Court of *Arches*, Archdeacon of **Huntingdon**, and Rector of the Churches of **Croydon** and **Cliff**: from whence he was promoted to **Rochester**, where he sat three Years, and having been Bi-

(x) Barn. f. 14. see Append. N. 107. (y) Pat. 37. E. 3. p. 1. m. 27. Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 535. Godwin. (z) Reg. Sede Vac. f. 118. a. (a) Willm. Dei & Apostolicæ Sedis gratia nuper Episcopus Rossensis, jam ad Ecclesiam Wygorn. translatus, huic translationi expressè consentiens, &c. feci Petrum de Haikenefs Procuratorem meum in Curia Romana 6 April. 1364. (b) Wittl. f. 2. b. (c) Ib. f. 17.

shop here for four more, he was translated to **Canterbury** on *October* the 11th 1368 (*d*), leaving this to

WILLIAM LYNN. He was translated from **Chichester** hither by Pope *Urban V*, *October* the 11th 1368, the same Day that he promoted *Wittlesey* to **Canterbury**. He received the Spiritualities from the Archbishop on *May* the 31st, 1369; and on the 4th of *June* the Temporalities of the King (**e*). On the 4th of *July* he sent a Commission to *Robert de Weston* Monk and Sacrist, empowering him to give Institution to all Benefices, Dated at **Aldingbourn**, in the Diocese of **Chichester** (*e*). On *February* the 17th 1371, he made the Chapel of *St. John* in **Bedwardine** the Parochial Church, and ordered that of **Wyke** to be pulled down, *St. John's* being much more commodious for the Parishioners on many Accounts than the other (*f*). He died *November* the 18th 1373, having been taken with an Apoplectick Fit as he was getting on Horseback to go to Parliament, which he could not get over (*g*). On *November* the 28th, the King granted Licence to the Prior and Convent to choose another, and on *December* the 7th, they chose *Walter Leigh* their Prior, to which the King gave his Consent on the 24th of the same Month (*h*); but Pope *Gregory II.* by his *Bull* dated at **Ponte Sorge** in the Diocese of **Avignon** on the 2d Ides of *September*, in the fifth Year of his Pontificate, 1375, constituted

HENRY WAKEFIELD to be their Bishop, in which he is said to be Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, in Priests Orders, having a very fair Character for the Honesty of his Life and Morals, in Spirituals provident, in Temporals circumspect, and adorned with many other Virtues (*i*). This Bull was delivered to him *September* the 12th, and he made his Profession of Canonical Obedience to the Archbishop at **Lambeth** *October* the 3d, on which Day he sent a Letter to the Prior, commanding the Spiritualities to be delivered up unto him (*k*). He was

(*d*) Antiq. Brit. f. 253. Wittlesey, f. 2. b.

397. see App. N. 108.

(*b*) Reg. Sed. Vac. f. 164. a.

(*e*) Lyn. f. 1.

(*i*) Wakf. f. 1.

(**e*) Rym. Fœd. T. 6. p. 596.

(*f*) Ibid. f. 33.

(*g*) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 535.

(*k*) Reg. Sede Vac. f. 198.

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consecrated in the Bishop of Ely's Chapel at Hatfield by the Bishops of Ely, Rochester, and Hereford, on October the 28th, being St. Simon and Jude's Day (l), and was inthronized on Sunday the last Day but one of March 1376, by Walter Prior, and Robert de la More Official, commissioned thereto by Guillerm Archbishop of Roven the Pope's Nuntio, and Vicar General of Ademar de Rupe Archdeacon of Canterbury, then in foreign Parts (m). Before this, on the 14th of February 1375, he confirmed the Ordination of the Chantry of John de Blockley, founded by him to the Honour of the Virgin Mary in the Church of Blockley (n). On July 12, 1376, he united the Priory of Dorsley, with the Churches of Dorsley and Whitenhurst, to the Priory of Banton of the Order of St. Augustin in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (o). On January the 11th, 1377, he was made High Treasurer of England. He appropriated the Church of Ebyghton to the Abbot and Convent of Bytlesden of the Cistercian Order in the Diocese of Lincoln, on the 8th of May 1380, and this he did at the Request of William la Such de Haryngworth Knight, Patron of the said Church, and of the Duke of Lancaster King of Castile and Leon, reserving to himself and Successors an annual Pension of 13 s. and 4 d. the same to the Prior and Chapter, and 1 s. and 4 d. to the Archdeacon of Gloucester (p). This Year he finished his Addition of two Arches to the West End of his Cathedral Church, and in the Year 1386, the large North Porch of the same. The Church of Codynston he appropriated to the Abbot and Convent of Hailes in Gloucestershire, on September the 15th (q) and Stoke Prior to his own Prior and Convent on the 1st of December 1389, to augment the Salary of their Chamberlain, whose Office it was to provide decent and necessary Cloaths and Shoes, &c. for the Monks (r). During his sitting in this See, the Archbishop of Canterbury came and visited this Diocese. The Bishop, with his Clergy, very honourably received him on Wednesday-October the 12th, 1384, about the Hour of Vespers,

(l) Angl. Sac. P. 1. f. 535 Wakf. f. 1.
(p) Ibid f. 134. b.

(q) Ibid f. 116.

(m) Ibid. f. 3.

(r) Ibid f. 64.

(n) Ib. f. 7.

(o) Ib. f. 8.

and with a solemn Proceſſion conducted him to the High Altar, where he ſaid the uſual Prayers, and that Evening and the next Day he magnificently treated him at his own Expence (s). The Occaſion of this Viſitation was the increaſe of the *Lollards*, and the ſpreading of the Doctrines of *Wicliff*; againſt whom on the firſt of *Auguſt* 1387, our Biſhop ſent out a ſtrict Mandate, injoining all his Clergy not to ſuffer any of them to preach in his Dioceſe, and particularly by Name, *N. Hereford*, *J. Aſhton*, *J. Perney*, *J. Parker*, and *Robert Swynderby*, and forbidding all the Laity upon Pain of the Cenſures of the Church to go to hear them, or give them the leaſt Incouragement. He had a Controverſy with his Prior *John Green* about the Uſe of the *Mitre*, *Ring*, *Gloves*, *Paſtoral Staff*, *Tunick*, and *Dalmatick*; which Episcopall Ornaments had been firſt granted by Pope *Clement VI.* on *January* the 8th 1350-1, to Prior *John de Eweſham*, and confirmed by *Urban V.* in 1363, but now enlarged by Pope *Boniface*, which the Biſhop would not allow of. The *Archbiſhop* intervening and exhorting the *Prior* to ſubmit, it was thus ended on the 13th of *November* 1391. That the *Prior* might wear in his Preſence his *Mitre* fringed with Gold, but without Gems and precious Stones, as alſo his *Ring*, but no *Paſtoral Staff*. In his abſence, the Biſhop did allow that for the Honour of *God*, and the bleſſed *Virgin Mary*, and the Church of *Worceſter*, he might wear his *Mitre* adorned with precious Stones, his *Ring*, his *Gloves*, his *Tunick*, his *Dalmatick*, and give his *Bleſſing* at *Maſs* and at *Table*. And that he might carry his *Paſtoral Staff*, upon condition that it ſhould be much ſhorter than his, painted with only two Colours white and blue, without any gold Colour, or ſet with any Gems or Pearls (t). One thing more I find he did, that whereas his Predeceſſors had ſeveral Privileges granted them in their Wood at *Fladbury*, and the aſſart Lands within the *Forest of Feckenham*, but had been frequently diſturbed in the ſame, he got them again confirmed by King *Richard II.* on *February* the 14th,

(s) Wakf. f. 128. b. See App. N. 109.
ſee App. N. 110, 111.

(t) Lib. Penk f. 51. a. Lib. Alb. f. 412. Wakf. f. 94.

1393, in the 17th Year of his Reign (*u*). He died at **Wokley** on *March* the 11th 1394-5, as Bishop *Godwin* has it, and not on the 3d, as Mr. *Wharton* asserts from the Monk of **Evesham**, and the Collections of *John Jocelin* (*x*); for in the Prior and Convent's Letter to the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, notifying his Death, and desiring that the Spiritualities might be granted to them, it is expressly said that he died on that Day (*y*). He lies buried under a large Marble Stone, despoiled of its Brass, not far from the Stone Pulpit, almost in the midst of the two Arches which he had in his Lifetime added to the West End of his Church *. As soon as ever he was dead, the Prior and Convent sent up their Petition to the *King* for Licence to elect another Bishop, dated the 12th of *March* 1394, which was granted them on the 18th of *April* 1395 (*z*); but in the same Register, *Sede vacante*, there is no mention made of their proceeding to an Election, or that they chose *John Green* their Prior, as *Walsingham* says they did. Certain it is that

TIDEMAN de WINCHCOMB was translated hither from the See of **Landaff** by Pope *Boniface*, whose Bull bears Date at *St. Peter's* in **Rome**, on the 4th Nones of *June*, in the 6th Year of his Pontificate, *A. D.* 1395 (*a*). *Walsingham* says he was Physician to the King, and promoted to this See at his Request, and that he was a Monk of the Cistercian Order (*b*); and another says he was of the Abbey of *Hayles* near **Winchcomb**. *Godwin* tell us that he was Abbot of *Beaulieu* before he was made Bishop of **Landaff**. He received not the Spiritualities of the Archbishop till the 21st of *August* this Year 1395, on which Day his Mandate to the Prior, to deliver up the same unto him, is dated (*c*), and his Register begins on the 9th of *September* following. On the 26th of *June* 1397, he confirmed the Chantry founded by *Robert Walden* of **Warwick** in the Church of **Credington** (*d*). On the 3d of *July* 1398, the Prior of *Lanthony*, near **Gloucester**, granted to him

(*u*) Wakf. f. 125. Lib. Alb. Ep. Wig. f. 119. (*x*) Angl. Sac. P. 1. f. 536. (*y*) Reg. Sede vac. f. 199. a. (*) Wakefield bore for his Arms, Frette on a Canton, a Crois Patee. (*z*) Ibid. (*a*) Rym. Fœd. T. 7. p. 801. (*b*) Walsingh. p. 352. Ed. Franc. Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 536. (*c*) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 214. (*d*) Tidem. f. 1718.

and his Successors an Annual Pension, or rather three Annual Pensions, upon the Account of the Pope's having appropriated to his Priory the Churches of *Payneswick*, *Prestbury*, and *St. Owen* in *Gloucester*, viz. from *Payneswick* 13 s. and 4 d. from *Prestbury* 3 s. 4 d. and from *St. Owen* 3 s. 4 d. to be paid every *Michaelmas* in the Cathedral Church of *Worcester* (e). On the 7th of *March* 1398-9, he appropriated the Church of *Budbroke*, and the Churches of *St. Peter*, *St. Laurence*, and *St. Nicholas* in *Warwick* to the Collegiate Church there, reserving an yearly Pension from *St. Nicholas* of 13 s. 4 d. from *Budbroke* 6 s. 8 d. from *St. Peter's* 3 s. 4 d. and from *St. Laurence* 3 s. 4 d. (f). And on the 12th of *April* 1401, he confirmed another Chantry founded in the Collegiate Church of the *Virgin Mary* at *Warwick*, to the Honour of *St. Anne*, by the beforementioned *Robert Walden* (g). Bishop *Tidman* died on the 13th of *June* 1401, and on the 15th, *John Prior*, with his Convent, sent up to the King, *John Duddleley* S. T. P. and *John Clyve* their Precentor, to beg Leave to elect another, which was granted them the 20th of the same Month (h). On the 27th, the Prior and Convent met, and chose by way of *Inspiration*

RICHARD CLIFFORD, Batchellor of Civil and Canon Law, Bishop elect of *Bath* and *Wells*, of excellent Morals, and adorned with a multitude of Virtues (i); and they sent to him *William Ouston* their Pitanciary, and *John Clyve* to acquaint him with it, and desire his Consent; which after some time of Deliberation he gave with this Proviso, if the Pope should approve thereof. Whereupon they sent forthwith to his Holiness, humbly and earnestly begging him to grant their Request, to confirm their Election, and to consecrate *Clifford* to be their Bishop (k). The King is also said to have made Interest for him, though he had refused to deliver up to him the *Temporals* of *Bath* and *Wells*, because he had accepted of the *Pope's Provision* without his

(e) Tidem. f. 26.

(f) Ibid. f. 34.

(g) Ibid. 58, 59.

(h) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 217.

(i) Vite ac moris honestate aliisq; probitatis & virtutum meritis multipliciter decoratum, ibid. (k) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 217.

Consent.

Consent. *Boniface* taking no notice of any Election, or of any Intercession from either King or Convent, translated him from Bath hither, by his Bull dated at St. Peter's in Rome on the 14th Kal. of September 1401, and he received the same September the 20th following (l). In the Beginning of October, he was consecrated by Thomas Arundell Archbishop of Canterbury, who delivered the Spiritualities to him on the 5th at Totnam in the Diocese of London (m). And from hence it appears that Bale's Story of William de Badely, a Carmelite Friar, Confessor to John of Gaunt Duke of Lancaster, being chosen Bishop of this See is false (n). In the beginning of the Year 1402, he summoned his Clergy of the Archdeaconry of Worcester to meet him in his Cathedral Church on the Day after the Feast of St. John Baptist, and the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of Gloucester, to attend on him in the Church of St. Mary before the Abbey Gate there, on Friday the Day after the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, in order to treat with them about urgent and necessary Affairs (o); but before the Time came, he was sent away by the King to Germany, to treat with the Emperor about a Marriage between his Son and Lady Blanch the King's eldest Daughter (p), and perceiving that he could not return back time enough to meet his Clergy at the Times appointed, at Ipswich, June the 5th, he commissioned John Prior of Worcester, Gilbert Stone his Vicar General, and William Forster his Commissary General, with others, to meet them at Worcester, and Walter and William Abbots of Gloucester and Winchcomb, with his Vicar General, to do the same at Gloucester, there to act and preside in his Name, and to demand of them a Subsidy (q), which I find they granted, viz. Twelvepence out of every Mark, according to the true Value of their Benefices, one half to be paid at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, and the other at Lady Day following (r). He came back to London from his Embassy on July the 29th, but went not down to his Bishoprick till February, on the 4th of

(l) Cliff. f. 1.

(p) Ib. f. 14.

(m) Reg. Sed. vac f. 226. a.

(q) Ibid. f. 8.

(n) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 536.

(r) Ibid. f. 57.

(o) Cliff. f. 8.

which Month he was solemnly inthronized (s). This *Richard Clifford* was King *Richard's* Chaplain, in great favour with him, and therefore banished his Court by the Rebellious Barons. He was also Archdeacon of **Canterbury** when promoted by Pope *Boniface* to **Bath** and **Wells** (t). He sate in this See from the 19th of *August* 1401, till near the middle of *October* 1407. *Godwin* says till the 13th, when he was translated to **London**, and was succeeded by

THOMAS PEVERELL, a Gentleman descended of a noble Family in **Suffolk**, brought up at **Oxford**, where he proceeded Doctor of Divinity, a Friar of the Order of the *Carmelites*, made Bishop of *Ossery* in **Ireland** by King *Richard* II. in 1398, removed to **Landaff** 1399, and from thence, by the Pope's Bull, hither (u). The Archbishop's Grant to the Prior of exercising Spiritual Jurisdiction during the Vacancy of the See, bears Date at **Gloucester**, on *October* the 20th, 1407, and on the 20th of *November* following, he made his Profession of Canonical Obedience to the Archbishop, from whom he received a Mandate to the Prior to deliver up the Spiritualities to him (x); and on the same Day he received of the King the Temporalities (*). On the 9th of *June* 1414, he ordained the Chapel of *Wethele* to be dependent of the Church of *Kinwarton*, **Warwickshire**, and that the Inhabitants of that Village should, at their own proper Costs and Charges, find a Person to officiate and administer the Sacraments to them, to whom the Rectors of *Kinwarton* should pay yearly 26 s. 8 d. (y). On *October* the 28th following, he confirmed the Ordination of a Chantry founded by Dame *Alice Stury*, Patroness of the Church of *Hampton Lovet*, and Lady of the Manor, for two Chaplains, one at the Altar of *St. John Baptist*, and the other at the Altar of *St. Anne*, in the Chapel of *St. Anne* adjoining to the North Side of the said Parochial Church (z). On *September* 26, 1416, upon his appropriating the Parish Church of *Queinton*,

(s) *Cliff.* f. 54 b. see *Append.* N. 112.
Angl. Sac. P. 1. f. 536.
 see *Append.* N. 113.

(x) *Reg. Sede vac.* f. 227, 228.
 (y) *Peverell*, f. 66. a.

(t) *Ang. Sac. P.* 1. f. 536.

(*) *Rym. Fœd. T.* viii. [p. 503.

(z) *Ibid.* f. 81.

(u) *Godwin.*

Gloucestershire, to the Abbess and Nunnery of *Pollesworth* of the Order of St. *Benedict*, *Warwickshire*, they granted to him, and his Successors, an annual Pension of 13 s. 4 d. On the 17th of *June* 1408, King *Henry IV.* granted him License to cut down, and fell out of his own Woods within his Forest of *Seckenham*, as many Oaks as would amount to 200 Marks, to enable him to repair the Manor Houses of his Bishoprick, which he found in many places ruinous (a). On the 12th of *July* 1412, he lent the King the Sum of 200 Marks to enable him to recover his Rights in *Aquitain* and foreign Parts, and had assigned over to him for his Security that part of half a Tenth granted to him by the Clergy, which should arise in his Diocese, and ordered it to be paid him by his Collectors thus, out of his own *Spiritualities* and *Temporalities* 26 l. 2 s. 3 d. ob. out of the *Archdeaconry* of *Gloucester* 53 l. 12 s. 2 d. ob. and out of the *Archdeaconry* of *Worcester* 53 l. 12 s. 2 d. (b). Having sat in this See above eleven Years, he died at his Manor of *Hembury* in *Salso Marisco*, *March* 2, 1418, and was buried in the Church of the *Carmelites*, *juxta Universitatem Oxon.* for so it is expressly said in the Prior and Convent's Instrument of their Election, and notifying the same to Pope *Martin V.* (c). Prior *Fordham's* Letter to the Archbishop desiring the Administration of the *Spiritualities*, was dated *March* the 5th, their Letter to the King for the *Conge d'Eslire*, *March* the 9th, which was accordingly granted them *March* the 25th, the King being then at *Eureux* in *Normandy* (d). On *Monday, April* the 24th, 1419. the Prior and Chapter met, and chose by way of Inspiration

PHILIP MORGAN, of the Diocese of St. *David's*, Doctor of Civil and Canon Law, and Chancellor of *Normandy*; and on the 26th, they sent *Richard Lanrake*, a Notary Publick, to notify this their Election to the Pope, and to beg his Consent, and that he would be pleased to confirm the same (e). His Bull preferring him

(a) Rym. Foed. T. viii. p. 535. see Append. N. 114. (b) Ibid. p. 767. see Append. N. 115.
(c) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 242. (d) Ib. f. 229. (e) Ib. f. 240, 241. see Append. N. 116, 117.

to this See, was dated *June* the 19th 1419, and on *December* 3, he was consecrated in the Cathedral Church of **Roan**. Soon after he made his Profession of Canonical Obedience to the Archbishop by his Proctor, and then received the Spiritualities; as to the Temporalities, they had been granted to *David Pryse* Canon of **Lincoln**, and *William Hertland*, who retained them in their Hands till the 18th of *October*, when the Duke of *Bedford*, Regent of the Kingdom, ordered them to be delivered up, and the said *Pryse* and *Hertland* to pay into his Majesty's Exchequer 40 Marks for the Time they had had them in their Custody (*f*). Whilst he was in **Normandy**, the King deputed him to treat with the Embassador of *Lewis* the Dauphin of **France** at **Alencon** about Peace. He bore for his Arms three Spears Heads Argent, tinged with Gules in a Field Sable (*g*). On the 3d of the Calends of *March* 1425, Pope *Martin* the Vth translated him to **Ely**, and at the same Time,

THOMAS POLTON from **Chichester** to this See. He was first made Bishop of **Hereford** in 1420, where having sat only fifteen Months, he was removed to **Chichester**. He received from the King the Temporalities of this See at **Leicester** *May* the 2d 1426, in the Presence of the Dukes of *Bedford* and *Exeter*, and the Lord Archbishop of **York** then Chancellor of **England**, with many others (*h*), and the Spiritualities he had before received of the Archbishop of **Canterbury**, to whom he made his Profession of Canonical Obedience on *April* the 26th (*i*). On *May* the 29th, he constituted *Richard Elys*, Batchelor of Canon Law, his Official (*k*). Having summoned his Clergy of the Archdeaconry of **Worcester**, to meet him in his Cathedral Church *September* the 2d, and that of the Archdeaconry of **Gloucester** on *September* the 18th, 1427. being hindred by urgent Affairs, he commissioned *John*, Prior of **Worcester**; *William*, Abbot of **Pershore**; *John Hody*, Chancellor of **Wels**; and *Thomas Mordon*, his Commissary General, to meet the First: and *John*, Abbot of **Gloucester**; and *John*, Prior of

(*f*) Rym. Fœd. T. ix. p. 80. see Append. N. 118.
Hist. Elyensi.

(*h*) Polt. f. 1. a.

(*i*) Angl. Sac. P. 1. p. 537.

(*g*) Angl. Sac. P. 1. p. 668. in
(*k*) Polt. f. 3. a.

Lanthony; with *Hody* and *Mordon*, to meet the other; and there in his Name, to act and preside, and to desire a Subsidy, which was granted him, viz. One Shilling in the Pound, according to the true Value of their Livings (l). Disputes having rose between the *Warden* of the *College* of *Stratford* upon *Avon*, and the Master of *Holy Cross* there, he ended the same *September* the 27th 1430, ordering that *Holy Cross* should pay Tithe to the said Collegiate Church, and four times in the Year attend there in their proper Habits, and make their Offerings, and should pay yearly 4 s. at the Feast of the Dedication of the said Church, in token of their Subjection to it (m). Sir *Walter Hungerford*, Lord of *Hungerford*, *Heytesbury*, and *Heminett*, *Treasurer* of *England*, having obtained of the King License to erect a Chantry at the Altar of the *Virgin Mary*, in the Parochial Church of *St. Leonard* de *Farley* *Hungerford*, to pray for his Soul, and the Soul of *Katherine* his Wife, and of Sir *Thomas* his Father; to promote the same, the Bishop on the 20th of *April* 1429, appropriated the Church of *Olveston* in *Gloucestershire*, to the Prior and Convent of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul* in *Bath*, upon Condition that they should find a Chantry Priest in the Church of *Farley*, and pay him yearly twelve Marks; and after the Death of the said Sir *Walter*, they should celebrate his Anniversary in the Church of *Bath* for ever, and on that Day give to every Monk 20 d. (n). In 1432, he, with the Prior of *Norwich*, were sent by the King to the Council of *Basil*, and a Subsidy of 2 d. in the Pound was granted by the Clergy to defray their Charges (o). On *November* the 28th, he received from the King his safe Conduct, as also License to carry out of the Kingdom with him Plate and Jewels to the Value of a thousand Pound; and a farther Grant, that if the Council should last above an Year, he should have five Hundred Marks allowed him for his Expenses every Year he staid there; and after the Council ended or prorogued, he might go to *Rome* to visit *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, and there to stay, if he pleased,

(l) Ibid. f. 27.

(m) Ibid. f. 149.

(n) Ibid. f. 74.

(o) Ibid. f. 132.

for one Year without any let or hindrance from him or his Heirs (p). He came to **Basil** the beginning of *March*, and was there honourably received, having been met by many *Prelates, Abbots, Priors, and Embassadors*, amounting to five Hundred Horfe (q). It was here he died and was buried, and not at **Rome**, which happened on *August* the 23d, 1433, on the *Eve* of *St. Bartholomew* (r). The News of his Death came to the Prior and Convent *September* the 25th (s), and his Will which he made *December* the 6th before he left **England**, was proved in the Prerogative Office *October* the 18th (t). The *Archbishop's* Commission to the *Prior* to take upon him the Administration of the Spiritualities as Official of the Court of **Canterbury**, was dated *October* the 2d (u); the Prior and Convent's Letter to the *King* for his *Conge d'Eslire* *November* the 8th; the King's Licence *November* the 16th; and on the last Day but one of the same Month, they met and fixed on *December* the 9th for the Day of Election, when there met Forty five Monks in the Chapter House, and unanimously chose *per viam Spiritus Sancti*

THOMAS BOURGCHIER *in facultate Artium Magistrum, liberum & legitimum, ac in & de legitimo Matrimonio procreatum, virum utiq; providum & discretum, litterarum scientia vitaq; & moribus merito commendandum, in ordine Sacerdotali constitutum, & in Spiritualibus & Temporalibus plurimum circumspectum, scientem, & valentem jura Ecclesie Cathedralis protegere sufficienter & tueri.* To this Election, he neither assented nor dissented, because he was not of sufficient Age, according to the Canons, to be a Bishop; upon which they deputed Mr. *Andrew Hulls, William Swan, Robert Sutton*, Clerks, then at the Court of **Rome**, with *Adam Moleyns, and Thomas Duffeld*, Batchelors of Laws, to be their Proctors, and to intreat Pope *Eugenius* to dispense with his Age, and to confirm their Election (x). Whilst this was transacting in

(p) Rym. Fœd. T. x. p. 525, 528. see App. N. 119, 120, 121, 122. (q) Lib. Albus f. 444. see App. N. 123. (r) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 260. (s) Ibid f. 244. (t) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 53. (u) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 244. (x) Ibid. f. 260, 263. see App. N. 124.

England, the *Pope* by his Provisory Bull, promoted to this See *Thomas Brown*, Dean of *Salisbury*, then at the *Council*, and notified the same to the *King*, with Letters in his behalf; but the *King* sent Word to *Thomas* to renounce the *Pope's* Provision, otherwise he should have no Bishoprick in *England*, much less this of *Worcester*, and to the *Pope* that he would have the Election of his Kinsman confirmed, and on that Condition he would allow the Bishoprick of *Rochester* to be given to *Thomas Brown*. This Debate ended not till *March* the 9th, 1434, when the *Pope* by his Bull preferred *Bourghchier* to this See, revoking that granted to *Brown*. *April* the 15th, he received the Temporalities of the *King* at *Westminster*; on the 20th he made his profession of Canonical Obedience to the Archbishop; and on *May* the 5th, the Prior ceased from exercising any further spiritual Jurisdiction (y). He was not consecrated by the *Archbishop*, but by *Henry* Cardinal Presbyter of *St. Eusebius* and Bishop of *Winchester*, authorised thereto by the *Pope*. Which Office he performed *May* 15. at the Church of *Friars Preachers, London*; in the Presence of *John* Archbishop of *York*, *John* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, *Robert* Bishop of *Sarum*, *John* Bishop of *St. Asaph*, *John* Earl of *Huntington*, *Humphrey* Earl of *Stafford*, *Henry* Earl of *Ewe*, and Lord *Bourghcher* his Brethren, with many other Knights and Clerks, to a great Number (z). He was younger Brother to *Henry* Earl of *Ewe*, and afterwards Earl of *Essex*, Son of *William* Earl of *Ewe* in *Normandy*, by *Anne* his Wife, Daughter to *Thomas* of *Woodstock* Duke of *Gloucester*. He was brought up in *Nevils Hostel* of *Oxford*, of which University he was *Chancellor* when preferred to this See, as also Dean of *St. Martin's London* (a). Whilst he sate here *July* 4, 1414, he visited, reformed, and restored the Hospital of *St. Wulstan* then much gone to decay; ordering that there should be one *Master* in Priests Orders, two *Secular Chaplains*, each to have four Marks yearly, for a Gown three Yards and an half of Cloth, a Chamber, Eatables

(y) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 244.
Fœd. T. x. p. 607.

(z) Bouch. f. 1.

(a) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 537. a. Rym.

Drinkables at the *Master's* Table, and in his Absence an Allowance of Tenpence *per* Week for the same. Five poor Brethren and two Sisters, each to have Sevenpence *per* Week, and no Corrodies to be granted for the future (b). Upon the Death of *Lewes Luskborough*, who died at *Watfeild*, September 18, 1443. he was translated to the See of *Ely*. He had been chosen to it before in 1436. by the Monks, and their Election confirmed by the *Pope*, but the *King* utterly refusing to confirm it, for Fear of a *Premunire*, he durst not accept of it (c). But afterwards the *King* permitted him to take it, and from thence translated him to *Canterbury*, where he died. He bore for his Arms, Argent a Cross, ingrailed Gules, between three Waterbudsgets Sable.

JOHN CARPENTER, Doctor of Divinity, Provost of *Oriel* College in *Oxford*, Chancellor of that University in 1437, and Master of *St. Anthony's* *London*, succeeded. The *Pope's* *Provisory Bull* preferring him hereto, he received at *London* on the 24th of *February* 1443, and the *Temporalities* of the *King* on the 26th of the same Month at *Shene*; present *Thomas* Bishop of *Ely*, *Ralph Boteler* Lord of *Sudeley*, *Thomas Kent* Doctor of Laws, and by the Imperial Authority, Notary Publick (d). He received the *Spiritualities* from the *Archbishop* before the 3d of *March*; for on that Day he constituted *John Stokys*, L.L.D. and Canon of *Chichester*, to be his *Vicar General* (e). On the 22d of the same Month, being the fourth Sunday in *Lent*, he was consecrated at *Eton* near *Windsor*, by *William* Bishop of *Exeter*, authorised by the *Pope's* Letter so to do, the Bishops of *Bath* and *Wells*, and of *St. Asaph* assisting him (f). He was installed on the 24th of *December* 1444. In the beginning of the Year 1445, he went beyond Sea, and returned to his Diocese in *September*; during which time, Mr. *Richard Manning*, Doctor of the Canon Law, was his *Vicar General* (g). *March* 22, 1446, he confirmed the Chantry of *Holy Rood* in *Trinity* Church in *Bristol*, founded by *Thomas Ball* (h). The Chantry of *St. Mary* in the Church

(b) Burch. f. 73. (c) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 537. (d) Carp. V. 1. f. 1. (e) Ibid. f. 2. Rym. Fœd. T. XI. p. 54. see Append N. 125. (f) Ibid. f. 2. (g) Ibid. f. 21. b. and 24. a. (h) Ibid. f. 49, &c.

of *St. Giles Bredon*, fallen to decay, and not worth above 40 s. *per Ann.* he united and appropriated to the said Parochial Church, *September* the 29th, *Ann.* 1458 (i). About this Time he built a very noble Gate to his Palace at *Hertlebury*, which was demolished in the time of the Civil Wars (k). In 1461, *June* 24, he erected a *Library* in the *Charney House* adjoining to his *Cathedral*, and *January* 24, endowed it to the Value of ten Pounds *per Ann.* for a Library Keeper (l). *July* the 6th, 1462, he appropriated the Church of *Eyford* to the Monastery of *Evesham*, reserving to himself and Successors an yearly Pension of 12 d. and to the Prior and Convent 8 d. (m); and about the same time, he united and consolidated the Priory of *Dodford* to the Abbey and Convent of *Walesowen* (n). *April* 22, 1466, he united and appropriated the Monastery of *Alcester* to the Abbot and Convent of *Evesham*, ordaining that three of their Monks, *in Priests Orders*, should reside at *Alcester*, the one by the Name of *Prior* or *Warden*, and the other two as his Assistants, daily there to perform all divine Offices (o). On *April* the 29th, 1469, he united and annexed the Priory of *Derhurst* to the Monastery of *Teukesbury*, reserving to himself and Successors an yearly Pension of 20 s. to the Prior and Convent 20 s. and to the Archdeacon of *Gloucester* 6 s. and 8 d. The Abbot of *Teukesbury* to find and maintain there one Monk in Priests Orders, to be called *Prior* or *Warden*, four other Monks, and one *secular Priest*, daily to perform divine Service in that *Priory* (p). *May* the 26th, 1472, he appropriated the Church of *Little Compton*, in the Deanry of *Stow*, to the Abbot and Convent of *Teukesbury*, to augment the Number, and increase the Salaries of the *Priests* and *Clerks* officiating in the Chapel of the blessed *Virgin Mary* in that *Monastery*, reserving to himself and Successors yearly 6 s. and 8 d. to the Prior and Convent 3 s. and 4 d. and to the Archdeacon of *Gloucester* 3 s. and 4 d. (q). Upon the Petition of *William Canynges*, Dean of the Collegiate Church of *Westbury* near

(i) Carp. f. 160.

(k) Godwin. MS. Abingd.

(l) Carp. V. 1. f. 175.

(m) Ibid. f. 186.

(n) Ibid.

(o) Ibid. f. 198, &c.

(p) Carp. V. 2. f. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

(q) Ibid. f. 28.

Bristol, he appropriated to his Use, and the Use of his Successors, the Church of *Kemsey* near *Worcester*, with the Chapels of *Norton* and *Stulton*, of which he was Patron, reserving to Himself and Successors yearly 6 s. and 8 d. and the same to the Prior; his Deed bearing Date at *Westbury* September 2, 1473. This *William Canynge* was the Person that built the stately Church of *Ratcliffe* at *Bristol*, of which City he was thrice Mayor; and growing in Years, took Orders, and became *Dean* of this Collegiate Church (r). On April 5, 1475, he appropriated the Parochial Church of *Dursley* to the Archdeaconry of *Gloucester* (s). On May 24, 1476, he confirmed the Chantry founded in the Parish Church of *Lechlade*, by *Cecilia Dutcheys* of *York*, Mother to *K. Edward* the IVth. for three Priests daily to say Mass at the Altar of the Chapel of the *Virgin Mary* there. And on the Eve of *St. John Baptist* following, he confirmed the Chantry of *St. Blaze* founded by *John Twynibo*, in the same Church of *Lechlade* (t). The last Act of his mentioned in his Register, is his ordaining in the Chapel of the *Canary* adjoining to his Cathedral, June 8, this Year 1476, and did not long survive, dying at his Palace of *Northwyke* near *Worcester*, from whence he was carried to *Westbury*, and there buried on the South Side of the High Altar. He had a great Fondness for that Place whilst living, new built the *College*, and made it larger than it was before, and added a spacious and beautiful Gate, and, when finished, endowed it, and gave it new Statutes; so that he was reckoned their *Founder* (u). He was also whilst living a great Benefactor to *St. Mary Hall* in *Oxford*, and by his Will gave certain Lands in that County to *Oriel College*, of which he had been *Provost*, in order to maintain there one Fellow born in the Diocese of *Worcester* (x). Upon his Death,

JOHN ALCOCK, Bishop of *Rochester*, was translated to this See, September the 18th, the same Year 1476 (y), and received the Temporalities of the King at *Bugden* the 24th of the same Month (z).

(r) Carp. V. 2. f. 39. (s) Ibid. f. 78. (t) Ibid. f. 30. and 81. (u) Alcock f. 47. Where see *juramentum Decani de Westbury*. (x) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 538. Wood's Antiq. Ox. L. 2. p. 104. (y) Alcock f. 92, 110, 118. (z) Rym. Fœd. T. xii. p. 34.

He was first *Dean* of the Royal Chapel of St. Stephen Westminster, then *Master* of the *Rolls*, April 29, 1462. made Bishop of *Rochester* in 1472. He was President of the Council in the 1st of *Edward IV.* and afterwards Lord *Chancellor of England* (a). Whilst he sat in this See he confirmed the Foundation of a perpetual Chantry in the Church of *Bromesgrove* by *Alianore Stafford*, Widow of Sir *Humphry Stafford* of *Grafton Knt.* A. D. 1478. (b). He appropriated the first and second *Portions* or *Prebends* in the Church of *Bisley* to the College of *Stoke* near *Clare* in *Suffolk* and Diocese of *Exeter*, August the 8th 1480, reserving to Himself and Successors, from each Portion, 13 s. and 4 d. to the Prior and Chapter 5 s. and to the Archdeacon of *Gloucester* 6 s. 8 d. (c). He was present at a Synod in *London*, in the beginning of the Year 1481 (d). About this time he took into Consideration the distressed State and great Poverty of the Priory of *Little Malvern*, through the Wretchedness and Misliving of the Brethren there, whom he removed into other Religious Places to be there tutored and instructed; and whilst they were there for two Years, he rebuilt from the Ground their Church, and dedicated it to St. *Mary*, St. *Giles*, and St. *John the Evangelist*; he sufficiently repaired the Place of their Lodging, and paid a great part of their Debt, and then wrote a Letter to them from *Bewdley*, dated October the 22d, 1482. commanding them to return to *Little Malvern*, and there to live after their *Holy Profession*, and daily to say a *Mass* for him at our Lady's Altar (e). For his Benefactions to the *Abbey* of *Perthore* in the Year 1478, he had before been admitted by *Edmund Abbot*, and the Monks there, into their spiritual Fraternity, and made Partaker of the Merits of all their Prayers; and they obliged themselves after his Death yearly in the Month of *December* to perform a solemn *Mass* with *Dirige*, praying for his Soul, and the Souls of his Parents (f). And not content with this, in 1484 he founded the Chapel of the *Holy Trinity*, near the Church of the *Holy Trinity*

(a) Godwin, and Windows in Little Malvern Church. (b) Alcock f. 202. (c) Ibid. f. 69.
(d) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 538. (e) Alcock f. 111. see App. N. 127. (f) Ibid. f. 165.

at Kingston upon Hull, and erected a perpetual *Chantry* in it there, to pray for his Soul, and the Souls of his *Ancestors*. He was translated from hence to the See of *Ely* by Pope *Innocent VIII.* in *October* 1486, where he sat till the Year 1500, and died *October* the 1st, leaving behind him an extraordinary Character for his singular Piety and Goodness, *Vir Bonis omnibus amabilis*. He founded *Jesus College* in *Cambridge*, where, in the Master's Lodgings, is still to be seen his Picture drawn to the Life, and in one of the upper Windows of *Great Malvern Abbey*, he is very finely represented in painted Glass, bearing these Arms, in a Field Argent, a Fess between three Cocks Heads erased, Sable crested, and jelloped Gules. He is also said to be the Author of several Books chiefly relating to Piety: That called the *Mount of Perfection* was printed about the Year 1500, a little before he died (g).

ROBERT MORTON Archdeacon of *Gloucester* succeeded, preferred hereto by Pope *Innocent* at the same time he removed *Alcock* to *Ely*, his Provisory Bull bearing Date at *Rome* the 17th Kal. of *November* 1486 (b). Before the 8th of *January* he had received both the Temporalities and Spiritualities; for on that Day he commissioned *John Moor* Dr. of Canon Law, and *Robert Enkbarow* Presbyter, in his Name and Stead to institute to all vacant Benefices (i). And in the Person of the said *John Moor*, his Proctor, he was enthronized *July* the 22d, 1487, on the Feast of *St. Mary Magdalene*, which Office was performed by *William Dean* Subprior, Commissary of Mr. *Thomas Bouchier* Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, the Prior being very old and confined by Sickness (k). He was Nephew to *John Morton* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, being his Brother's Son, and was made *Master of the Rolls*, *May* the 30th 1479, in the Reign of *Edward IV.* What Crimes he was guilty of is not said, but he got a full Pardon for them all from King *Henry VII.* dated the 15th of *March* 1496-7 (l), and in the Beginning of *May* following he died; for on the 5th, *William Wenloke* Prior,

(g) *Angl. Sac. P.* 1. p. 538. (b) *Morton f.* 1. *Ford. T.* xii. p. 647. see *Append. N.* 128.

(i) *Ibid. f.* 2.

(k) *Ibid. f.* 19.

(l) *Rym.*

sent *John Stratford* Elimofinary, and *Thomas Myldenham* Sacrist, to notify the same to the King (m). He was buried in the Nave of *St. Paul's Church London* (n), and bore for his Arms Quarterly 1 and 4 Gules, an Antelope's Head erased Argent, 2 and 3 Ermine (o). He was buried at *St. Paul's* with this Epitaph: *Orate pro anima Roberti Morton Nepotis Cardinalis Morton, qui postquam undecim annos sedisset Episcopus Wigorn. diem suum clausit extremum London. A. D. 1497. cujus anime propitiatur Deus.*

JOHN GIGLES, or *de Liliis* LL.D. an *Italian*, of the Country of *Lucca*, Collector for the Apostolical Chamber in *England*, and Archdeacon of *Gloucester*, was advanced to this See by *Pope Alexander's* Bull dated at *Rome*, on the third Kal. of *September* 1497. He was then in that Court the *King's Solicitor*, and was there consecrated; for his Commission to *Thomas Wodyngton*, Doctor of Canon Law, to be his *Vicar General* in his absence, bears date at *Rome* from his own House, on the 11th of *September* 1497 (p). He made his Profession of Canonical Obedience to the *Archbishop*, *October* the 18th. He was enthronized by Proxy, *Thomas Wodyngton* his *Vicar General*, representing him, on *Thursday, April* 12, 1498, and died on *August* the 25th following. Mr. *Wharton* tells us, in his *Anglia Sacra*, that he was made Dean of *Wells* on *December* the 7th, 1478. that *March* 21, 1481, at the opening of the Synod at *London*, in his Sermon preached on that Occasion, he desired that a *Tenth* might be granted to the *Pope* from the *Clergy*, but in vain; and that in 1489, he had Authority given him by *Innocent VIII.* of Pardoning Usury, Simony, Theft, Murther, Robbery, Adultery, Whoredom, and all sorts of Crimes; and Power to dispense with all sorts of Frauds and Cozenages; if so be part of the Gain were given to the *Pope's Commissaries*, or their *Deputies* (q).

(m) Reg. Sed. vac. f. 124. (n) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 588. Br. Willis. (o) Mort. f. 1.
(p) Gigles f. 3, 4. Ad te Archidiaconum Gloucestrie eadem Ecclesia Wygorn. & Charissimi in Christo filii nostri H. Regis Anglie Illustris. ad Nos & Sedem Apostolicam Oratorem destinatum.
(q) Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 538.

He lies buried at the *English* College in **Rome**, with this Epitaph: *Johanni Gilio, Lucen. Vigornien. Episcopo, juris utriusq; Consul. consummate Virtutis viro, serenissimi Henrici Septimi Anglie Regis apud Pontificem Oratori, Sylvester Regia Liberalitate Dignitatis Successor Patrueli B. M. posuit. Obiit Anno Salutis 1498. Mense Augusti, Etatis lxxiii.* To him succeeded

SILVESTER GIGLES, his Brother's Son, promoted hereto by Pope *Alexander*, his Bull bearing Date at *St. Peter's* in **Rome**, on the 9th Kal. of *January* 1498. On *March* the 11th following he received the Spiritualities of the *Archbishop* at **Croydon**; and the Temporalities as Bishop, on *March* the 17th; for the King had granted him before the Custody of them on *December* 1, 1498, in the Vacancy of the See (r). He was installed by Proxy on *April* the 16th, 1499. He, as his Uncle had been before him, was *Collector* for the Apostolick Chamber, and continued in that Office till his Death. On *January* the 18th, 1500, he appropriated *Esfleth St. Andrew*, in the Deanry of **Fairford**, to the Abbot and Convent of **Teukesbury** (s). On *April* the 12th, 1502, he confirmed the Chantry of the *Virgin Mary* in the Church of *Thornebury*, founded by *Robert Slymbridge*, Doctor of Canon Law, and Precentor of **Litchfield**, for two Priests to pray for his Soul, &c. (t). On *April* 15, 1505, he appropriated the Churches of *Wotton Under Edge*, and *Preston upon Stowr*, to the Abbot and Convent of **Teukesbury**, allotting to the Vicar of *Wotton* 20 Marks yearly, with an House to live in; and to the Vicar of *Preston* 13 Marks 6 s. and 4 d. with a House also; reserving to Himself, and his Successors, from *Wotton* an yearly Pension of 13 s. and from *Preston* 7 s. to the Prior and Chapter from *Wotton* 6 s. 8 d. and from *Preston* 3 s. 4 d. to the Archdeacon of **Gloucester** from *Wotton* 3 s. 4 d. and from *Preston* 3 s. 4 d. (u). On *June* 20, 1512, he appropriated the Church of *Mathon* with the Portion of *Chokenbull* in the Church of *Ligh* to the Abbot and Convent of **Perthore**, reserving to

(r) Rym. Fœd. T. xii. p. 705, 710. see Append. N. 129, 130. f. 36. (u) Sylv. f. 128, 129, 130.

(s) Sylv. f. 182.

(t) Ibid.

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Himself and Successors an yearly Pension of 6s. 8d. to the Prior and Chapter 6s. 8d. and to the Archdeacon 6d. (x). This Year he was sent by King *Henry VIII.* to the Council of *Lateran*, whither he went, having made *Thomas Hanniball* LL.D. his *Vicar General* in his absence, and never returned, but died at *Rome* on *April* the 16th, 1521 (y). Upon his Death, Pope *Leo X.* by his Provisory Bull dated on the 7th of *June* following, gave this *See* in *Commendam* to

JULIUS de MEDICES his Brother's Son, whom from a Soldier of the Order of *St. John* of *Jerusalem*, he had raised to be *Cardinal* Priest of *St. Laurence* in *Damazo*, and Vice Chancellor of the *Roman* Church, making him Administrator thereof both in Spirituals and Temporals; giving him Power to hold the same with his Cardinalate-ship, and with the Archbishopricks of *Narbon* and *Florence*, and several other Benefices, which by Apostolical Dispensation he then had, or hereafter might obtain. The next Day, *June* the 8th, being *Saturday*, he empowered *Thomas*, Cardinal Priest of *St. Cecilia*, and Archbishop of *York*, to take Possession of the Bishoprick for him, and to act in his Name. He held it not long; for upon *Leo's* Death, and *Adrian's* succeeding, who was an *Englishman*, fearing lest he should think it too much for him to have so many spiritual Dignities, he resigned it to him on the 6th Kal. of *October*, 1522. on which Day, *Adrian* by his Bull, conferred it on

JEROME de GHINNUCIIIS, or *de Ghinucciiis*, or *de NUGUTIIIS*, an *Italian*, as three of his Predecessors had been before him; nor was an *Englishman* promoted to this *See* till the Pope's Authority was abolished, and the *King* declared by an Act of Parliament to be supreme Head of the Church of *England*. In the Pope's Bull he is said to be Bishop of *Asculum*, Auditor General of the *Apostolical* Chamber, and his Domestic Chaplain (z). He also made *Thomas*, Cardinal Priest of *St. Cecilia*, and Archbishop of *York*, Legate a latere, and Chancellor of

(x) Sylv. f. 80. Ang. Sac. P. 1. p. 539. (y) Jeron. f. 4. see Append. N. 131. (z) Jeron. f. 10.

England, his Proctor, to take Possession of the Bishoprick, and to act in his Name, dated at **Rome**, *December* the 24th, 1552, which Bishop of ~~York~~ *February* 17, 1522-3, made *John Bell*, Doctor of Canon Law, Vicar General (a). On the 20th, the Temporalities were delivered up by the King (b). On the 23d *William Warham*, Archdeacon of **Canterbury**, gave Commission to *William More* Prior, *John Bell* Doctor of Canon Law, *Richard Fluxford*, LL. Bac. or either of them, to install the said Bishop, which was done by Proxy *March* the 2d. *Silvester Darius*, Subcollector of the Apostolical Chamber, representing him (c). He was very serviceable to the King in procuring the Judgment of the *Spanish* and *Italian* Divines against the Lawfulness of his Marriage with *Queen Catharine*; whereupon, at his Request, and that of the *French* King, he was raised to the Dignity of a Cardinal by Pope *Clement VII.* in 1533, but fell here a Sacrifice to the Times, being deposed from his *Bishoprick* by *Act of Parliament*, because he was a *Foreigner*, and resided not. This happened between the 19th of *January*, and the 7th of *February* 1534-5, when *Thomas Bagarde*, LL.D. who had been made his *Vicar General* in 1532, began to act as *Vicar General* by Commission from King *Henry VIII.* (d). Upon his Deprivation succeeded

HUGH LATIMER, the Son of *Hugh Latimer* of *Thirkeffon* in the County of **Leicester**, Husbandman, educated at the common Schools in his own Country, sent at the Age of Fourteen to **Cambridge**, entered in *Christ's College*, took Orders, and was at first a zealous Papist, though afterwards a more zealous Protestant. In 1529, he was made Vicar of *West-Kingston* in **Wiltshire**. In 1534, he became Chaplain to *Queen Anne*, and by her Favour was promoted to this Bishoprick (e). He received the *Temporalities* of the King, *October* the 4th 1535, and in 1539, *July* the 1st, not willing to subscribe the six Articles, he resigned, and retired to a private Life; but upon the Death of King *Edward* he was imprisoned, and in 1555, *October* the 16th, was burnt with Bishop *Ridley*

(a) Jeron. f. 22, 23. (b) Rym. Fœd. T. xiix. p. 780, 781. see App. N. 132. (c) Jeron. f. 6 and 10. (d) Ibid. f. 72. b. (e) Angl. Sac. P. 1. p. 539.

at Oxford (*f*). Upon his Resignation, the Prior and Convent elected

JOHN BELL, LL.D. to succeed him, and the King signified their Election of him to the *Archbishop*, Aug. 2, 1539 (*g*), and delivered up the *Temporalities* to him on the 4th. Soon after which, he was consecrated on August the 11th, say some, but fate not long in this See; for on the 17th of November 1543, he resigned it (*h*), but for what Cause is yet uncertain. He was a *Worcestershire* Man, educated in *Baliol College Oxford*, and spent some time in *Cambridge*; to both which Places he was a Benefactor, but especially to the former, giving it several Farms, and some Rents lying near *Clerkenwell*, for the maintaining there two Scholars born in the Diocese of *Worcester*. Afterwards he became Rector of *Weston Subege* near *Camden*, Archdeacon of *Gloucester*, and Prebendary of *Lincoln* and *Litchfield* (*i*), Warden of the Collegiate Church of *Stratford upon Avon*. *Silvester Gygles* made him his *Vicar General* in 1518; in which Post he continued under two of his Successors till August 17, 1526, when he was succeeded by Mr. *Thomas Parker* (*k*). At length his Abilities being made known to King *Henry VIII.* he was made one of his Chaplains, sent by him to foreign Princes on State Affairs, and at his Return, was one of his Countellors, and did him much Service in defending his Divorce from Queen *Katharine*. After his Resignation, he lived retired at *Clerkenwell*, where he died on August the 11th, 1556, and was buried according to his Desire in his last Will in the Church of *St. James* there. He bequeathed very liberally to the Poor of several Places where he had been beneficed, and one Legacy to *Jesus's* Chantry in the Church of *St. Paul's*, desiring he might be commemorated in their Prayers (*l*). On the North Side of the Communion Table, there was a Marble Stone laid over him, with this Inscription on a Brass Plate :

(*f*) See his Life in *Fox's Book of Martyrs*, Vol. 3. p. 375, &c. (g) *Rym. Foed.* see Append. N. 134. (h) *Ibid.* see Append. N. 135. (i) *Jeron. f. 23.* (k) *Ibid. f. 27.* (l) *Athen. Oxon. V. 1. p. 682, 683.* *Brown Willis's Survey of Cathedrals.* *Stow's Survey of London*, p. 484. Ed. Lond. 1633.

*Contegit hoc Marmor Doctorem nomine Bellum
 Qui Bellè rexit Præsulis Officium ;
 Moribus, ingenio, vitæ pietate * vigebat :
 Laudatus cunctis, cultus & Eloquio.*

An. 1556. August. II.

Which may be thus Englished,

Under this Stone lies Bishop *Bell*,
 Who in his Office ruled well ;
 Praised by all for Piety and Sense,
 A Man of Morals, and of Eloquence.

Upon *Bell's* Resignation, *November 17, 1543*, as aforementioned, on the 22d the King gave the Custody of the Temporalities, during their continuance in his Hands, to

NICHOLAS HEATH, Bishop of *Rochester*, and on *December 14*, he gave Leave to the Dean and Chapter to choose him to succeed, which they did *December 22* ; and the King signified the same to the *Archbishop*, *January 16*. He delivered up the Temporalities to him *March the 22d*, granting him Licence at the same Time, to hold in *Commendam* with his Bishoprick the Rectory of *Shorham*, with the Chapel of *Otford* annexed, and the Rectory of *Cleeve* in *Kent*, from *Christmas* then last past, to *Christmas 1548 (m)*. He was enthronized by Proxy *April 10, 1544*. *Richard Ewer*, S.T.B. Prebendary, performed the Office, commissioned so to do by *Edmund Cranmer* Archdeacon of *Canterbury*. His Proctor was Dr. *Thomas Baggard*, whom he had made his *Vicar General*, *April 7*. who it seems died before the End of this Month, and *Robert Johnson* LL.B. succeeded him in that Office (n). As soon as *Edward the VIth* came to the Crown, all Bishops were commanded to take out Commissions to exercise both Temporal and Spi-

* *Probitate* Godwin.

(m) *Rym. Feed. T. xv. p. 17, 18.*

(n) *Heath f. 1, 2.*

ritual Jurisdiction within their Dioceses, as *Bonner* had done 31 *Henry VIII.* 1539. Hereby they all acknowledged that they held their Bishopricks only *during the King's Pleasure*, and exercised Jurisdiction in them as his Delegates, and in his Name, and by his Authority. Archbishop *Cranmer* took out his *February* 7, 1546, and that of our Bishop *Heath* bears Date the 26th of the same Month, which varying something from that of the Archbishop's, printed by *Burnet* in his History of the Reformation, I have inserted in the Appendix (o). When the Parliament met the Winter following, on *December* the 20th an Act was made to confirm the same, and that for the future, the choosing of Bishops by *Conge d'Eslire* being tedious and expensive, and only the Shadow of an Election in it, they should be made by the King's Letters Patents; that all Courts Ecclesiastical should be kept in his Name, and they to act by no other Authority than his, as supream Head of the Church, all Offenders to suffer Imprisonment at his Majesty's Will and Pleasure. By Virtue of this Act, *Heath* was committed Prisoner to the *Fleet*, on *March* the 4th, 1549-50, having incurred his Majesty's Displeasure by obstinately refusing to subscribe the *Book* for the *Making of Bishops and Priests*, and after that was deprived by the *King's Royal Authority*, not by any Court consisting of *Churchmen*, but by secular Delegates of whom three were *Civilians*, and three *Common Lawyers* (p). Some have given out that he was deprived, because he would not yield up what Estates of the Bishoprick the Courtiers thought fit to ask; which is untrue; for this he readily did. In the 1st of *Edward VI.* He passed away *Stratford* and *Hampton* upon *Avon*, in *Warwickshire*, to *John Dudley* Earl of *Warwick*; the same Year he alienated the Lordships of *Stoke Episcopi*, and *Hembury* in *salsò Marisco*, and after that the Manor of *Bebury*, all in *Gloucestershire*, to the Duke of *Northumberland*, none of which ever returned to the Church. Other Possessions of the same in *Middlesex* and *London*, viz. *Hillingdon*, and his Palace and Church in the *Strand* he exchanged, and had for the same the Manors of *Grim-*

(o) Burnet's Hist. Ref. P. 2. p. 6. Collection of Records, N. 2. See App. N. 136. Ref. P. 2. B. 1.

(p) Hist.

lege and *Hallow*, and the Advowson, with the Advowsons of *St. Martins Vintry* and *Newington Com. Surrey*, which remain to the See to this Day (*q*). Upon his Deprivation, the King, by Virtue of the aforementioned Act of Parliament, by his *Letters Patents* dated the 20th of *May*, 1552, translated

JOHN HOOPER, Bishop of *Gloucester*, to this See, and at the same time suppressed that Bishoprick, and made it an Archdeaconry dependent on *Worcester*, as it had been formerly (*r*). He was enthronized by Proxy on the 18th of *June*. *Dean Barlo* officiating, and *John Barker* alias *Taylor*, representing him. In these Letters he is said to be preferred for his singular Learning in the Holy Scriptures, and for his unblameable Morals (*s*). The suppressing of the Bishoprick of *Gloucester*, which his Father had erected, *September 3*, in the 33d Year of his Reign, giving some Offence, it was thought proper to put a Stop to it; in order to this *Hooper* resigned, and new Letters Patents were granted to him to the same Tenor as the former, with this Difference, that now the two Sees were to be united, the Revenues of *Gloucester* being but small, and the two Cities near one another, and the Multitude of People not so great as to want two Pastors, and they were for ever after to be one Bishoprick with two Titles, as *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, and as *Bath* and *Wells*; and the Bishop was enjoined to spend one half of the Year in one Diocese, and the other half of the Year in the other; they bear Date the 8th of *December* 1552 (*t*). Upon this, another Mandatory Letter was sent to *Dean Barlo*, by *Edmund Cranmer* Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, dated *London December 14*, again to enthronize *John Hooper* Bishop of *Worcester* and *Gloucester* elected and confirmed, and this he did in the Person of his Proctor *John Barker* alias *Taylor*, *December 20*. Another Mandatory Letter bearing the same Date was sent by the same Archdeacon to *William Jenyns* Dean of *Gloucester*, to

(*q*) Dugd. Antiq. of *Warwickshire*. Atkins's Antient and Present State of *Gloucester*. An Account of Taxes, p. 222, 223. cited from Strype's Eccl. Mem. V. 2. p. 25. (*r*) Heath f. 17. Rym. Fœd. T. xv. p. 298. (*s*) Tam propter singularem Sacrarum Literarum Doctrinam, quam Mores probatissimos. See App. N. 137. (*t*) Rym. Fœd. T. xv. p. 320. see Append. N. 138.

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intronize him there, but when that was done I find not (u) ; but this I find of him in *Fox's Book of Martyrs*, that he was a Man of great Learning, of exemplary Piety, of laborious Industry, of a most extensive Charity, and of Sincerity unfeigned, who sealed his Doctrine with his Blood (x). Upon Queen *Mary's* coming to the Throne,

HEATH was again restored to this Bishoprick in *June* or *July*, 1553 ; for in his Register, after the 8th (y) of that Month is this Note inserted, *Hic Nicholas Wigorn. Episcopus fuit restitutus ad ejus Episcopatum.* And it follows, that on the 27th of *August* he was summoned as such to a Convocation (z). He was in great Favour with the Queen, who made him *President* of *Wales*, and soon after Translated him to *York*; and upon the Death of *Gardiner*, she made him *Lord Chancellor* of *England*. To him succeeded

RICHARD PATES ; the Temporalities were not delivered to him till *March* 1555, when *Hooper* had been dead about three Weeks. His Register begins with a Commission from Cardinal *Pool*, to visit his Diocese by Papal Authority (a), and another to enable him to collect the Fruits of whatsoever appropriated Churches within his Diocese lately granted by the King and Queen to the Pope ; both these dated at *Greenwich*, the first on the 16th of the Calends of *March*, and the other on the eighth of the Ides of *April* 1556. The last Act of *Heath* in his Register, is dated *March* 22, 1553-4, and after this we meet with no more Institutions, till those of *Pates*, which begin *May* 5, 1556 ; so that all this time the See lay void, in Hopes, no doubt, of persuading so good a Man as *Hooper* to recant, and so to be restored to it again ; for it was not disposed of till after his Death. As for *Pates* he was an *Oxfordshire* Man born, and bred up in that University, admitted Scholar of *Corpus Christi* College *June* 1. 1522, and the Year following Bachelor of Arts ; and then going to *Paris* was created Master of Arts there. In 1526, he was made

(u) Heath f. 1718. From hence you may correct a Mistake in the History of the Reformation, P. 2. B. 1. p. 203. for *Gloucester* Bishoprick was first suppressed before that of *Worcester* and *Gloucester* were united. (x) B. of Martyrs, V. 3. f. 119, &c. (y) Heath f. 19. a. (z) See more of Heath, Ath. Oxon. V. 1. p. 704. (a) Pates f. 21. See App. N. 139.

Archdeacon of **Winchester** on the Resignation of *John Fox*. This Dignity he resigned 1528, and was made Archdeacon of **Lincoln** upon the Death of *William Smith* Doctor of Decrees. He was employed in several Embassies, and particularly in 1540 to the *Emperor*, to reside there as Ambassador for the King of **England**. In 1542 he was attainted of *High Treason*, which as soon as *Mary* came to the Crown was repealed, and he preferred to this See. He received the Temporalities *March* 5, 1553, and sat here till Queen *Elizabeth* came to the Crown, when he was deprived and imprisoned for some little time, and as soon as released, he went beyond the Seas, sat in the Council of *Trent*, and died at **Lobain**, but what Year not said (*b*). He was a learned Man, of a peaceable Disposition, zealous in the Faith he professed, yet always against inflicting Corporal Punishments on such as were opposite in Religion to him (*c*).

EDWIN SANDYS succeeded, who was descended of an Antient and Gentile Family of the *Sandys* of *Bees* in **Cumberland**; his Father was *William Sandys* of *Furnes* in **Lancashire**, Justice of the Peace, and the King's Receiver of that County; and his Mother was *Margaret*, Daughter of *John Dixon* of **London**. He was elected to this See some time after the Deprivation of *Pates*, by the Name and Title of *Edwin Sandys, Capellanus Regius, & S. S. Theologiæ Professor*, consecrated *December* the 21st, in the 2d of *Elizabeth* 1559, and had Restitution made to him of the Temporalities belonging to it on the 23d of *March* following (*d*). He was born in the Year 1516, at *Haukeshead* in the Hundred of *Furness Fells*, to which he was a good Benefactor, and founded in that Town a Free-School by Letters Patents from Queen *Elizabeth*, bearing date at *Greenwich* *April* the 10th, in the 27th Year of her Reign, 1585 (*e*). His Education was at **Cambridge**, where he orderly took all his Degrees without any Dispensation, and passed through all the Offices of that University with Reputation. He was first of

(*b*) Strype's Hist. Reform. p. 146. Br. Willis.

(*c*) Athen. Ox. V. 1. p. 694. Ed. Lond. 1721.

(*d*) Ibid.

(*e*) Antiquities of *Worcester Cathedral*, printed by *Curl*, p. 163.

St. John's College, and after that Master of *Catharine Hall* (f), and *Vice Chancellor*, when the Duke of *Northumberland* came there to oppose *Queen Mary*, by whose Command, and at the Desire of several Heads of Houses, he preached there a Sermon to defend *Queen Jane's* Title to the Crown, which he did so modestly, and with so much Prudence, that it did not cost him his Life as it did the Duke; and though he was carried up to *London* Prisoner with him, and imprisoned in the *Tower* for Twenty nine Weeks, and then removed into the *Marshalsea*, yet from thence he was released without any Pardon, as having been guilty of no Treason. Not liking the Times, and fearful of more Troubles, he fled with his Wife into *Germany*, where he openly professed the Protestant Religion, and upon it was deprived of his Mastership of *Catharine Hall*, and two Prebendships which he had, the one in the Church of *Carlisle*, and the other in that of *Peterborough*. Upon *Queen Mary's* Death he returned to *England*, and had a great Hand in preparing the *Book of Common Prayer*, and in the *Reformation* of the Church; preached frequently at *St. Paul's Cross*, and before the *Queen*, and was one of her *Chaplains* when promoted to this *Bishoprick*. He sat in this See somewhat above ten Years with great Reputation and Credit, and without any Disturbance, but from those who were hearty Enemies to the *Reformation*, among whom was Sir *John Bourn*, formerly *Queen Mary's* Principal Secretary of State, but at that Time *High Steward* of the Church of *Worcester*, and Beneficiary there; whose Treatment of him was so ungenteel, and so inhumane, that he was forced to complain of it publicly, and to lay it before their Honours the Lords of the Privy Council, where the Injuries he had received from him were so apparent, that by Order of the Council, Sir *John* was committed to the *Marshalsea*, and remained there six or seven Weeks, and was at last adjudged by them to make his Submission to the injured *Bishop* in *Writing* (g). The foul Aspersions cast upon him,

(f) Annals of Reform. by Strype, Vol. 2. p. 422.
p. 114, 348, &c.

(g) Strype's Hist. of the Reformation,

and his Answer to them, you may see in *Strype's* 25th Chapter of his *History of the Reformation*, V. 1. where among other Matters, he charged him with neglect of Duty. His Answer was, That he could safely say, that there had not six Days past since he came to **Worcester** but he had frequented Common Prayer either in his own Chapel or Family, or in Churches abroad in his Diocese, or elsewhere, and those six Days confined by Sickneſs in his Chamber; moreover, that neither Sunday nor Holyday, ſaving two only, but what he preached once, if not twice, beſides his Viſitation and Workday Sermons. He charged him with Loofeneſs of Morals; but what was his Answer? "My Life
 "hath never been impeached nor blotted ſince I was born; how I have
 "lived from my Youth I have good Teſtimony ſince I was twelve Years
 "of Age;" and for this he appealed to ſeveral great Men with whom he had been educated, and who well knew his Converſation. "For my Life
 "beyond the Seas, he ſaid, I pray your Honours that it may be teſtified
 "by my Lords of **London, Salisbury**, Sir *Anthony Coke*, and Sir *Thomas Wroth*; and ſince my coming Home, I report me to the World." He further accuſed him of Covetouſneſs: His Answer was, that he was never charged before with this Crime, for it is a Sin, ſaid he, of all others far from me, for my greedy getting is ſuch, that I am indebted a great Sum. But did he not *alienate a good Part of the Revenues of this Church*? it has been ſo ſaid, but without any ground of Truth, as I can find. In the firſt Year of *Queen Elizabeth*, on *April 5, 1559*, an Act of Parliament paſſed, empowering the Queen upon the Avoidance of any Archbiſhoprick or Biſhoprick, to cauſe the ſame to be ſurveyed, and to reſume the Temporal Poſſeſſions into her own Hands^(b), recompenſing the Value of them with *Parſonages impropriate*; by Virtue of which Act, upon *Pates's* Deprivation, this Biſhoprick was ſurveyed, and the Queen took into her own Hands the Manors of *Bredon, Biſhops Wyke, Henbury, Knightwyke*, and *Biſhops Cleve*, making

(b) *Strype's Hiſt. Ref.* p. 97.

no Recompence for the same with *Titbes impropriate*, as she should have done. This was before *Sandys* was made Bishop, and he had no hand in the doing of it; for the Temporalities were not delivered to him till *March* the 23d, in the second Year of the Queen's Reign: He was so far from alienating a good Part of the Revenues of his Church, that by his Interest with the Queen, he prevailed upon her in the fourth Year of her Reign, to give a Recompence for the Lands she had taken away, which was the Impropriation of *Bishampton*, formerly belonging to the Priory of *Cookbill*, and the Impropriation of *Church Lench* and *Elmely*, together with the *Tenths* of the *Bishoprick* and *Archdeaconry* of *Worcester*. What his Sense of such Doings was, may be learnt from the Orders he drew up, to be observed by the Bishops and other Ecclesiastical Persons, by their Consents and Subscriptions, in the Synod in 1562; the first of which runs thus, "Forasmuch as Bishops are not born for themselves, but for their Successors, and are only Possessors for their own Time, every Bishop by the Subscription of his Hand promiseth, that he shall not either by Lease, Grant, or any other Means, let, set, or alienate any of his Manors, or whatsoever heretofore hath not been in Lease, except only for his own Time, and while he is Bishop." And that he strictly observed this Order himself, and stoutly defended the Patrimony of the Church of *York*, is evident from what *Strype* tells us in his Life of Archbishop *Whitgift* (i), where he gives us this Character of him, "That he was a Man of great Note for his Piety and Sufferings under Queen *Mary*, for his firm Profession of the Reformed Religion, narrowly escaping with Life beyond Sea, and was an Exile during that Queen's Reign. An excellent and frequent Preacher (k), a careful Bishop of *Worcester*, *London*, and *York* successively, not only for the Maintaining of the Church as it was established against Sects, but also of its Revenues, which were by greedy Men sought after, — and therefore it was deservedly made

(i) *Strype's Hist. Ref.* p. 286, 287, where see more. evidently demonstrate the same

(k) His Sermons published in Quarto

“ a Part of his Character in his Epitaph, *Ecclesiæ Patrimonium velut Rem*
 “ *Deo Sacratam intactum defendit* ; the Church's Patrimony, as became a
 “ Thing solemnly given to God, he defended as inviolable (l) ”. And another
 Author tells us, that departing this Life in the Year 1588, he left be-
 hind him an admirable Character for *Learning, Probity, and other*
Christian Virtues, which drew a Blessing on his Posterity, three of his Sons
being knighted, and adorned with all Felicities of Body and Mind (m).
 And, to the same Purpose, Fuller, in his *Abel Redivivus*, hath these
 Words, “ A Man of whom it is hard to be said whether more famous
 “ for his singular Virtues and Learning, or for his noble Parentage and
 “ Offspring which he left behind him ; for he left many Children, of
 “ which three were Knights, and excellent well qualified Gentlemen
 “ either for Body or Mind ; but his Son Sir *Edwin Sandys* proved the
 “ learnedest, and more famous and dear to his Country. There is a
 “ Book of famous Sermons extant in Print of this Prelate's, which is
 “ counted a worthy Piece, and doth sufficiently declare his Piety and
 “ Scholarship to succeeding Ages.”

He that will speak his Praises well,
 Must study first what 'tis t' excell ;
 He daily laboured to oppose,
 The Church's most unfatiate Foes :
 The Truth he would be sure to vent,
 Though he endur'd Imprisonment ;
 Read but his Works, and thou shalt find,
 His Body was imprison'd, not his Mind (n).

Upon his Translation to **London** in the Year 1570 (which he would willingly have avoided, as being easy here at **Worcester**) the Queen nominated Dr. *James Calfhill*, Canon of *Christ Church Oxford*, Dean of

(l) *Strype's Life of Archbishop Whitgift*, p. 286, 287. (m) *Baronetage of England*, V. 1.
 p. 360, 361. (n) Page 453, 454.

Bocking in *Essex*, and Archdeacon of *Colchester* to succeed him (o), but he dying that Year in *August* before his Consecration,

NICHOLAS BULLINGHAM was translated from *Lincoln* hither. He was a Native of this City, elected a Fellow of *All Souls* College in *Oxford* in 1536, where he took a Degree in Law, was made Archdeacon of *Lincoln* on *September* the 2d, 1549 (p), and became that Bishop's Vicar General. When Queen *Mary* came to the Crown, he absconded, and one *Thomas Marshal* was put into his Place (q). In his Retirement, he studied Divinity, wherein he obtained a considerable Knowledge; but when Queen *Elizabeth* succeeded, he was made Doctor of his Faculty at *Cambridge*, was a Judge Ecclesiastical in the Archbishop's Court of *Canterbury*, and at length was promoted to the Episcopal See of *Lincoln*; to which being elected after the Deprivation of Dr. *Thomas Watson*, he was consecrated thereto on *January* 21, 1559, and on the 18th of *April* following, the Temporalities were restored to him. In 1556, he was incorporated Doctor as he had stood at *Cambridge*, and in *January* 1570 was translated hither (r). The Temporalities were delivered to him *February* the 14th (s), and he was enthronized by Proxy on the 17th of the same Month, in the Person of Mr. *Thomas Hearle*, one of the Prebendaries of this Church (t). He sat in this See for above six Years much beloved (u), and well respected, though his Memory, as that of *Hooper* and *Sandys*, has been unfairly traduced, and they themselves set forth to the World in black Characters: And for why? because they were all three married Men, and zealous for the Reformation. What is asserted of his spending the Fortunes of his two Bishopricks by giving up their Estates, I take to be groundless; for as to the See of *Lincoln*, *Thornton* College was taken from it the 1st of *Edward* the VIth, and if restored by Queen *Mary*, was reassumed by the Crown in the 1st Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, which was before he

(o) See *Strype's Annals* of the Reform. V. 2. f. 27, 28. *Athen. Ox.* V. 1. p. 168. *Lond.* 1721.
 (p) *Ath. Ox.* V. 1. Fasti p. 84. (q) *Ibid.* p. 49. (r) *Athen. Ox.* V. 1. p. 702. (s) *Rym.*
Fæd. T. xv. p. 689. (t) *Reg.* 32. f. 1. (u) *Ath. Oxon.* V. 1. p. 702.

was promoted to it. And as to his parting with *Blockley* and *Hallow* Manors, I can find nothing of it, and they both remain in the Hands of the Bishop to this Day. *Isaacson*, in his Chronology, says, That his Successor *Whitgift*, by Friends, Labour, and 300*l.* recovered the Corn of *Hallow* and *Grimley*, alienated from the See, but by whom he says not. This Reverend Prelate died *April* the 18th, 1576, and lies buried on the North Side of the High Altar, where there is a Monument erected for him with his Effigies in a Cumbent Posture, and his Epitaph above it, which you may see in the Survey of the Cathedral Church, Page 41.

JOHN WHITGIFT, D.D. his Successor was nominated to this See on *March* the 24th, 1576, and Licence granted to the Dean and Chapter to Elect him, on *April* the 25th, 1577, by the Queen then at *Corhambury* (x); but it must be before this, if *Strype* says true, that his Election was confirmed on *April* the 16th, and that on *Sunday* following, *April* 21, he was consecrated by the Archbishop at *Lambeth*, *John* Bishop of *London*, *Robert* of *Winchester*, and *Richard* of *Chichester* assisting; and, in order to the making his Episcopal Seal for signing of his publick Instruments, Sir *Gilbert Dethick*, then Garter King at Arms, granted him a Patent for bearing *Or* on a *Cross* Fleurete *Azure*, four *Besants* (y). He was inthronized by Proxy on *May* the 5th, *Henry Beadle* A.M. Prebendary, representing him (z). The Temporalities were delivered to him *May* the 10th (a). He was of the Family of the *Whitgifts* of *Whitgift* in *Yorkshire*, born at *Grimsby* in *Lincolnshire*, A. D. 1530, and went to *St. Anthony's* School in *London*, afterwards to *Pembroke Hall* in *Cambridge*, and was put under the Tuition of the Blessed Martyr *John Bradford*; from thence was chosen Fellow of *Peter House*, and succeeded *Mathew Hutton* in the Mastership of the same, as also in the *Lady Margarets* Divinity Professorship, being then Bachelor of Divinity, from whence the Queen

(x) Rym. Fœd. T. xv. p. 772.
f. 13.

(y) *Strype's* Life of Archbishop *Whitgift*.
(a) Pat. 19. Eliz. p. 10. m. 10.

(z) Reg. 32.

removed him to the Mastership of *Trinity* College, and made him her Chaplain. He was before Chaplain to Dr. Cox Bishop of *Ely*, who gave him the Parsonage of *Teversham* near *Cambridge*, and a Prebend in his own Church of *Ely*; besides which, he had another in the Church of *Lincoln*. He was made Master of *Trinity College* *July* the 4th, 1567, Dean of *Lincoln* *August* the 2d, 1571, and removed to this See 1577, as aforefaid (b), where he fate till the 23d of *September* 1583 (c). It is faid, that at his first coming to this Bishopick, he found it much impaired by long Leases of divers Manors, Parks, and Houses, granted by his Predecessors; but that which much troubled him, and wherein he most of all stirred, was the Letting to Mr. *Abingdon*, Cofferer to the late Queen, the Rent Corn of his two best Manors *Hallow* and *Grimley*, which through the Intercession of his Friends at Court, and the Payment of 300 *l.* he regained to his See (d). Which of his Predecessors it was that granted this Lease, I cannot find in the Search that I have made; but have some Reason to believe that it was not done by *Sandys* or *Bullingham*, but by *Pates*; for *Strype* tells us, in his History of the Reformation, V. i. p. 158, 159. that the Revenues and Incomes of the Church had been so stript before the Deprivation of Queen *Mary's* Bishops, that their Successors had little or nothing to live upon, their Lands, Houses, and Parks so few, and so reduced, as they had scarce enough to keep them out of Debt, and to maintain that Hospitality that was looked for at their Hands. 'Tis true, says he, some of their Lands and Parks were exchanged against their Wills by Virtue of an Act of Parliament in the 1st of *Elizabeth*; but for the most part, the Popish Prelates foreseeing what was coming, by Leases, Patents, and Annuities, conveyed them away for as long a Time as the Law would then allow them, that their Protestant Successors might not enjoy them. But not to digress, whilst he sat in this See he was

(b) Sir George Paul's Life of Archbishop *Whitgift*.
Whitgift, p. 27, 28.

(c) Reg. 32. f. 23. b.

(d) Paul's Life of
beloved

beloved and respected by all for his pious and exemplary Life, preaching every Lord's Day either in his own Cathedral or some other neighbouring Parish Church, notwithstanding his important and incessant Employments otherwise (*e*), and delighting to entertain and converse with the Gentlemen of this Diocese, and making up the Breaches that happened to be made in their Friendships. One remarkable Instance is given us of his making up a deadly Quarrel between Sir *John Russel*, and Sir *Henry Berkeley*, who came armed to a Sessions in **Worcester** with many Friends and Followers, and great Bloodshed was like to have ensued, but the Bishop wisely prevented it by providing a strong Watch at the Gates, and requiring them to bring both Parties, with their Attendants, well guarded to his Palace; where he caused them all, to the Number of four or five Hundred, to deliver their Weapons into his own Servants Custody, and after two Hours Pains taken, sometimes in persuading, and otherwhiles in threatening them, he made them so good Friends, as they both attended him Hand in Hand to the Town Hall, and there performed the Service of their Country, in perfect Amity, and without any Disturbance (*f*). The Year after his Consecration to this Bishoprick, the Queen made him Vice President of the *Marches of Wales*, (Sir *Henry Sidney*, his very honourable Friend, being then Lord President, and at that Time Lord Deputy of *Ireland*) in which Post he behaved himself with great Honour and Integrity (*g*). Her Majesty also out of her Experience of his wise and prudent Government, was pleased to grant a Commission to him alone to visit the two Cathedral Churches of **Litchfield** and **Hereford**, Complaint having been made unto her of many Discords and Disorders that were therein, upon account of their Dislike of the Habits, and some other Rites; which accordingly he did, and reformed them both, being very far out of Order (*h*). She

(*e*) *Fuller's Abel Redivivus*, p. 463. (*f*) *Sir G. Paul's Life of Whitgift*, p. 30, 31. (*g*) *Ibid.*
 p. 31, 32, 33, 34. (*h*) *Ibid.* p. 34, 35.

farther honoured him with a Grant of Collating to all the *Prebends* in his Cathedral Church (*i*), and in *September* 1583, translated him to *Canterbury*. The See was not filled till the next Year *October* the 26th, 1584. When

EDMUND FREAKER, S.T.P. then Bishop of *Notwich*, was nominated to it; the Dean and Chapter elected him *November* the 2d, his Election was confirmed *December* the 5th, and he was installed by his Proxy Mr. *Gilbert Backhouse*, one of the Prebendaries, on *February* the 7th, 1584-5. He was born in *Essex*, educated at *Cambridge*, where he took his Degree of Doctor of Divinity, was made Prebendary of *Westminster*, and Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, in 1564; Prebendary of *Windsor* in 1565; Dean of *Rochester* in the Place of *Walter Philips*, the first Dean, deceased, *April* the 10th, 1570; Dean of *Salisbury*, upon the Promotion of *William Bradbridge* to the See of *Exeter*, in 1571; soon after he became Bishop of *Rochester*, consecrated thereto on *March* the 9th, 1571-2, from thence translated to *Notwich* on *July* the 1st, 1575, and from *Notwich* hither, where he died the latter end of *March* or beginning of *April* (*k*) in 1590, aged 74, and lies buried at the Bottom of the South Ile of the Body of the Cathedral Church, where in a Nich of the Wall he hath a raised Tomb, and an Arch over it, the Inscriptions on which you may see in the Survey, p. 116. He bore the Character of a pious, learned, and grave Divine, *Vir pius, doctus, atque gravis*, and was a zealous Asserter of the Church Discipline (*l*). The See lay again void till *January* 1592, on the 19th Day of which Month, Dean *Willis* received the *Conge d'Esire*, and on the 24th, he and the Chapter elected

RICHARD FLETCHER, then Bishop of *Bristol*. His Election was confirmed *February* the 11th, and he installed by his Proxy, Mr. *William Thornhill* Prebendary, on the 18th of the same Month (*m*).

(i) Reg. 32. f. 19. see Append. N. 140. (k) His Will was dated *March* the 21st, and proved *April* 7, 1590. Br. *Willis* Survey of the Cathedral Church, p. 647. (l) Athen. Oxon. Vol. 1.
(m) Reg. 32. f. 67, 68. b. Ibid. f. 70.

He fate here till *January* the 4th, 1594, when he was translated to *London*; after which we have no Institutions of his, but this Note inserted in the Register, *Memorandum, quod post translationem Domini Richardi Fletcher sede vacante nichil erat expeditum, quia Dominus Archiepiscopus Cant. reservavit sibi Institutiones Clericorum hujus Dioc. durante dicta Vacatione (n)*. The See was not filled till *April* 1596, on the 12th Day of which Month Dean *Willis* received the *Conge d'Eslire*, and on the 20th was chosen

THOMAS BILSON, Eldest Son of *Herman Bilson*, Grandson of *Arnold Bilson*, Son and Heir of *Arnold Bilson* by his Wife, said to be a Daughter of the Duke of *Bavaria*. His Election was not confirmed till *June* the 11th, and on the 13th he was consecrated at *Lambeth*, *Richard* Bishop of *London*, *William* of *Winchester*, and *Richard* of *Bangor* assisting, in the Presence of *Bancroft*, *Munford*, *Bilgar*, *Ravis*, Doctors of Divinity (o). He received the Temporalities *July* the 27th (p), and was enthronized in the Person of his Proctor *Griffin Lewys*, on *Saturday August* the 21st. The Commission of *Charles Fotherby*, Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, to perform this Office, bore date *June* the 25th, and was directed to *Godfrey Goldsborough*, and *Thomas Thornton*, D. D. *Gilbert Backhouse*, and *William Tovey*, B. D. Prebendaries of this Cathedral. When he was installed, he paid to the Choir 40 s. to the Chapter Clerk 13 s. 4 d. to the Sextons 13 s. 4 d. to the Almsmen, being but six at home, 3 s. 4 d. (q). He was a very learned Man, born at *Winchester*, educated there, and at *New College* at *Oxford*; was made a Prebendary of *Winchester*, and was *Warden* of the College there when elected to this See (r). He fate here but till *Friday May* 13,

(n) You may find a further Account of this Bishop Fletcher, *Athen. Ox. V. 1. Fast. p. 107. Ed. 2.*
 (o) *Strype's Life of Whitgift*, p. 496. (p) *Rym. Fæd. T. xvi. p. 299.* (q) *Reg. 32. f. 70, 71.*
 (r) *Athen. Oxon. V. 1. p. 403. Ed. 2.* where you may read more of him and of his Works. He bore for his Arms a demy double Rose Argent, and Gules, and a demy Pomegranate impaled, Or, the Seeds proper, barbed, stalked, and leaved, vert. His Crest a Bugle, Or, the Bouldrie Argent, tasselled and mantelled Gules, which Arms were allowed and confirmed to him and his Posterity, by Garter Principal King at Arms, *October* the 10th, 1582. *Strype's Life of Whitgift*, p. 497.

1597, on which Day this See became vacant upon his Translation to *Winchester*. On *September* the 5th following, *Gilbert Backhouse*, Subdean, received the *Conge d'Eslire*, and on the 5th was elected

GERVASE BABINGTON, S. T. P. His Election was confirmed *October* the 4th, on the 15th he received the Temporalities, and on the 16th was inthronized in the Person of *William Towie*, B. D. his Proctor (s). He made his publick Entry into *Worcester* on *Ascension Day* 1598, and died at his Palace there of an Hectick Fever on *Ascension Day*, *May* the 17th, 1610. There was no Stone or Monument erected for him, but a Memorial or Tablet was hung up upon the Wall by *William Swaddon*, Archdeacon, on *Ascension Day* 1622, twelve Years after his Death, and what was written thereon, you will find in the Survey, p. 57, 58. This Gentleman was descended of an antient Family in *Nottinghamshire*, educated at *Trinity College*, *Cambridge*, Dr. *Whitgift* being then Master, was chosen Fellow of it, and became Chaplain to *Henry Earl of Pembroke*, by whose Favour, he was made first *Treasurer* of *Landaff*, and afterwards *Bishop*, on the 29th of *August* 1591, translated thence to *Exeter* in *February* 1594, and from that See hither. While Chaplain to the Earl of *Pembroke*, he assisted his Noble Countess *Mary Sidney* in her Translation of the *Psalms*; for it was more than a Woman's Skill to express the Sense so right, as she hath done in her Verse, or more than the *English* or *Latin* Translation could give her. He published several Books of Divinity, which were all printed in one Volume in Folio, *London* 1615, and go under the Name of his Works. At his Death he gave many choice Books to the Library here (t). *Fuller*, in his *Abel Redivivus*, concludes his short Account of his Life with these Verses.

Renowned *Babington* spun out his Days
In Truth and Peace, and had the ecchoing Praise

(s) Reg. 32. f. 93, 94.

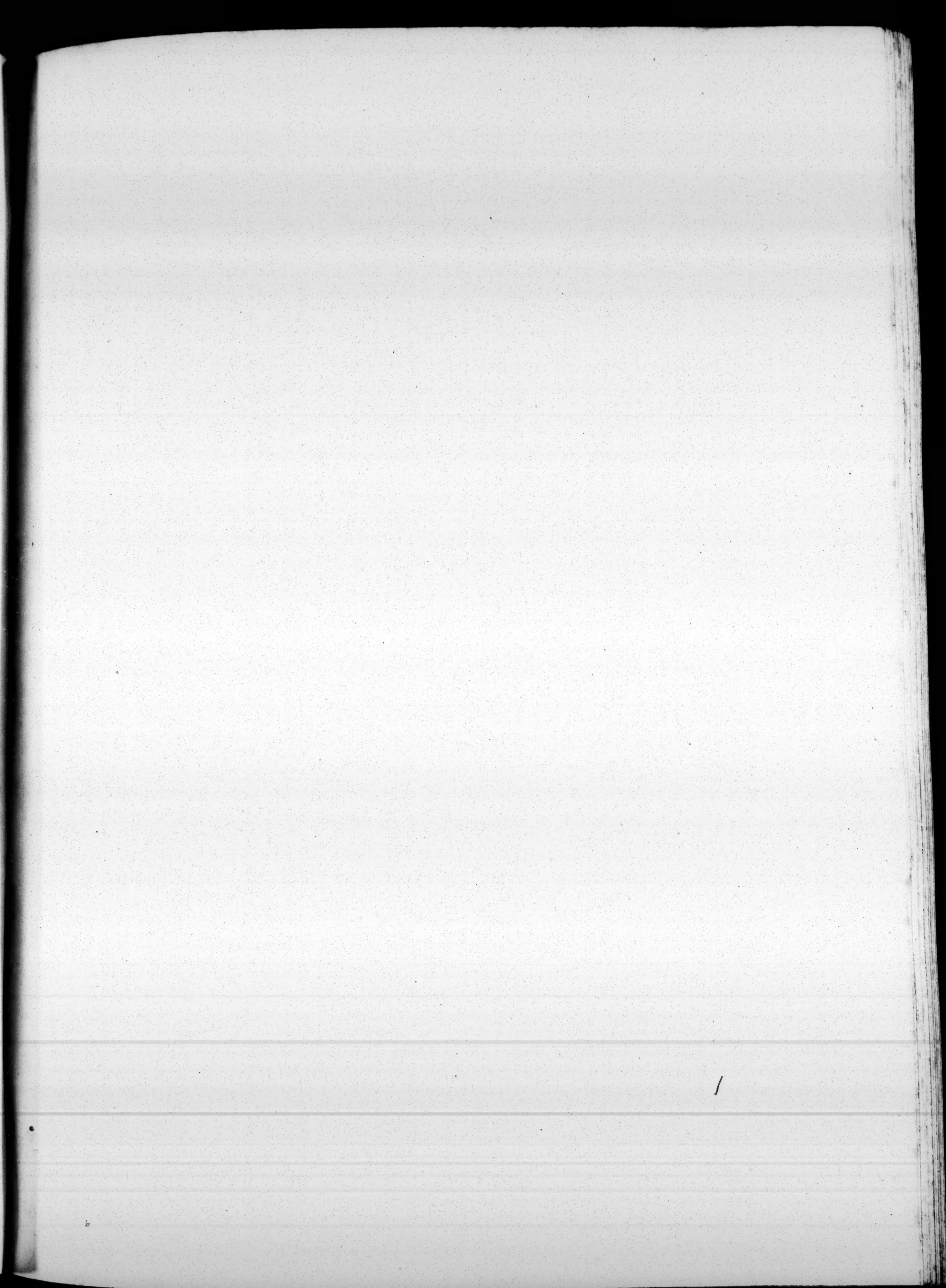
(t) Athen. Ox. Vol. 1. p. 704. and Fast. 118.

Of every Tongue ; his Worth was priz'd by all
That lov'd Religion ; nothing could recal
His Heart from Goodness. Peace and Love did rest
Within the Closet of his serious Breast.
Therefore let every Tongue proclaim and cry,
The Fame of *Babington* shall never dye.

One thing more hath been remarked of him, that his Paternal Coat of Arms was the same with that of his Bishoprick. And here I put an end to the Account of the Bishops of *Worcester*, there being little or nothing related of their Successors but what hath been published by several Authors.

Soli Deo Gratias.







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EX REGISTRIS

Sedis Episcopalis *WYGORŃ*,

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Nunc primum EDITÆ.





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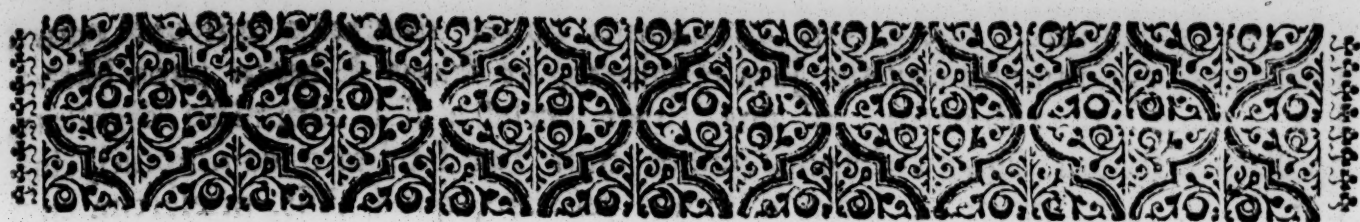
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A P P E N D I X

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1. Concessio Regis Edwardi ante Conquæstum facta Eborum ecclesiæ de episcopatu Worcestriæ.



N nomine sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis. Ego EDWARDUS divina gratia largiente ANGLORUM Rex. Quum religiosi antecessores nostri dignitatem ecclesiarum interdum fore perspexerunt terrenarum opulentia rerum, tamque authoritatis robur habere, quanta fulciebatur copia divitiarum, digne tenuitatem ecclesiasticam larga amplificare studuerunt manu, tam in possessione prædiorum, quam ceteris redditibus legalium constitutionum. Etenim vero, cum ipsi fideles, qui sumus in Christo, ab apostolo vocemur, et simus ecclesia, quam prope quam ex numerosa multitudine gentium in unitate corporis sui ad ecclesiam Dei nuncupamus, sua consecravit gratia, videbimur adulterini, et non filii, si in ejus nos sedulos non exhibuerimus dilatanda gloria. Quapropter ego EDWARDUS, Christi pietate rex ANGLORUM, dolens Eboracum metropolim, nostro tempore dejectam, ad antiquam celsitudinem, qua illustrabatur à piis nostris predecessoribus, in pristinum cupiens reparare dignitatis statum, nostro fideli domino archiepiscopo ejusdem ecclesiæ metropolitanæ Aldredo dono nostro contulimus ad integrum, quicquid à pio patre nostro Eadwardo regali domino ejus antecessori Oswaldo predictæ sedis pontifici est collatum. Et post, cum Romæ peteret pallium à beato papa Formoso, per privilegii descriptionem ei est traditum donum scilicet Wircestriæ episcopatus, per nostrum tamen consilium disponendum, in archiepiscopatus dignitate exaltanda supplementum vicarium, quod etiam idem Oswaldus, et post eum Adulphus, et Wlstanus archipresbiterales, regio munere adepti sunt, et tenuerunt quietum et solidum, donec Anglia.

Anglia direpta est et discissa invasione Danorum, et cum cæteris ornamentis ecclesiarum prædictæ civitatis, illud papæ Formosi privilegium constat esse incensum. Hic autem charissimus noster Ealdadus episcopi curam suscipiens, ejusdemque ecclesiæ jura requirens, et sciens à beato papa Nicholao Romæ pallio donatus, ad nos super ecclesiæ sibi commissæ dignitate, apostolica scripta signata detulit, quibus cum sua fidelitate commoniti, justam petitionem papæ et suam nolumus refutare, quod absit, præsertim cum super eadem re apostolicum presentavit privilegium. Donavimus igitur, consilio Reginæ meæ et aliorum fidelium, ei, ejusque posteris, ordinationem Wirecestriæ episcopatus, cum nostro tamen disponendam consilio, quatenus in exequendo episcopali cura eo specialius utatur vicario, utque à beato papa Nicholao in ejus scriptum habetur privilegio. Quod si quis ex regibus posteris nostris infringere temptaverit, iram Dei incurrat, et sit anathema, secundum supradictum apostoli decretum, nisi resipiscat. Ut autem hoc meæ descriptionis privilegium perpetuo inviolatum servetur, manus nostræ signum sigillique auctoritas subter insignitur: item reginæ uxoris meæ testimonio munitur, episcoporum quoque interminatio cum singulorum nomine et caractere exprimitur, abbatum et principum regni nostri contestificatione fulcitur. Ego Edwardus Dei gratia Anglorum rex, hoc scriptum confirmavi. Ego Editha Dei pietate Anglorum regina, jussu domini mei regis voluntarie huic descriptioni faveo. Ego Stigandus archiepiscopus subscribo. Ego Hermannus episcopus subscribo. Willielmus episcopus. Theofric Episc. Robertus Stalve, Osbernus Capellanus, Raimboldus, Petrus Haraldus Dei gratia dux, Tosti Gorth dux, Leofwinus dux, Brihtric, Ulf, Suen, Alnod, Walder, subsc.

Actum Wintoniæ in publica curia natalis Christi in die festivitatis sancti Sylvestri A. D. MLXII. anno regni nostri xxi. per omnia benedictus Deus. Amen. Ego Alfnod Abbas. Aselnodus abbas. S. Leofricus abbas. Ego Aldridus subdiaconus scriptum recognovi (a).

(a) Dugd. Mon. T. 3. p. 131. Ex Codice M. S. vocato *magno regifero albo* penes Decan. et Capitulum Ebor. p. 60.

2. *Transcriptum sodalitiū instituti a Wulstano cum præsētis et fratribus septem monasteriorum, scil. monasterii Eveshamensis, Ceortifigenſis, Bathensis, Persorensis, Wincelcumbensis, Glocestriensis, et Wigorniensis, cujus stipulati sunt sodales se Deo obediētes, et regi fideles fore, et multa alia fraternæ charitatis et pietatis officia se præsētituros.*

ON drihtnes naman hæbenðes Ewstres. is þæt wulstan þæt on drihtnes naman hæfð geƿeðð ƿið his leofan gebroðra þe him getreowe gýnð for gode 7 for ƿoruldre. Ðæt is þonne ænre ðegelpig abbote on E ƿerham. 7 ƿulƿpols abbote on Leortrige. 7 ðeƿrige abbote on Baðan. 7 þa gebroðra. 7 Eaðmund abbote on ƿerƿcopan. 7 Rapulƿ abbote on ƿancelcumbe. 7 ðæple abbote on Gleƿecestre. 7 ðeƿstan ðecanur on ƿigornceastre. Ðæt is þæt ƿe ƿillað georne gehýprume beon Gode 7 Sancti Mariam. 7 Sancte Benedicte. 7 ur gýlpe geƿihtlæcan swa neah swa ƿe nýht mægon to þam ƿihtre. 7 beon swa hiz apittlen is *Quasi cor unum & anima una*. 7 ƿe ƿillað urum ƿoruldre hlafordes ƿillelme cýninge. 7 Mæchilde þere hlafðian hold beon for Gode 7 for ƿoruldre. 7 habbe ƿe ur geƿeðð betƿeonan to ure saule þearfe. 7 to ealra ƿara gebroðra þe ur u ðer þeodde gýlde, þe munuc hæðe gýnð. þæt is. þæt ƿe ƿillað beon an annerre gýlde ealle þæt ƿi mýnstras gýn an mýnster. 7 beon swa hit he ƿer þan apitten is *Quasi cor unum & anima una*. þæt ƿe ælcere ƿucan ringan u mæggan on ælcum mýstre gýndeƿlice for eallum gebrþram, Monaðge 7 Ewgeðge 7 ƿite ƿe broðor þe capitula mæsse ƿuca bið, þæt þar mæssan gefordige, ƿ ƿ þæt gebroðra þe libbende gýnð, 7 for ælcum forðƿanenam broðor, ælc þara þinga ƿeðdon swilce hig ealle ætgeðere on anum Mýnstron ƿæron. 7 nu is þæt þa abba cƿýðræðennæ þæt hit ƿillað beon Gode gehuprume, 7 heora biſcops to heora gemænelicum þearfe. þæt is. þæt heora ælc se eal ðon an C mæssan, 7 for his agenra handa gebýge, 7 an C þearfendra manna geƿaðge. 7 þæt ƿeðan. 7 ealle þa gercýgean. 7 ælc gýnge him gýl ƿi mæssan. 7 him ƿeðdon xxx nihta his mete beƿoran him. 7 ænne ƿænig on uppan þam mete. Gode ur gefultumige þæt ƿe hit þur motan gelæstan 7 mis guman Gode geeacnian. *Sic fiat (b).*

3. *Conventio inter episcopum W. priorem T. et fratres de Wirecestria, et inter abbatem Alwynum et fratres de Ramſeya; quatenus utrumque monasterium in omnibus sit commune.*

HÆC est conventio inter episcopum W. et priorem T. et fratres de Wirecestria; et inter abbatem Alwinum et fratres de Ramſeya, quatenus utrumque monasterium in omnibus commune sit et unum, in gratia videli-

(b) Hickesti Dissert. Epist. I. 19, 20.

cet beati presulis Oswaldi, qui Ramesense monasterium primitus construendo et dedicando et Wigornense possidendo, utrumque in domino complectitur. Et hoc placet ut pro unoquoque defuncto fratre utriusque congregationis xxx. dies pleniter agantur, et prebenda fratris per xxx. dies in elemosynam detur; pro episcopo vero et priore Wigornensi, et pro abbate Ramensi per integrum annum sua prebenda ad elemosinam mittatur, et in omnibus habeant fratres alterutrum hinc et inde suum locum, et in qualibet necessitate suum refugium (c).

4. *Sententia Sampsonis episcopi de electo Eboracensi.*

— **L**ICET hunc qui in pontificatum Eboracensem electus est, olim ex conjuge filium susceperim, eique juxta sæculum et carnis naturam honoris ac dignitatis provectu, jus æquissime debeam: multo maxime tamen id matri meæ ecclesiæ Cantuariensi debeo, quæ me in eum, in quo sum, honorem provexit, et gratiæ, quam à Christo Domino meruit, me per pontificale ministerium participem fecit. Quapropter notum omnibus esse volo, me et literis patris nostri ANSELMI, de causa, quæ nunc inter nos agitur factis, modis omnibus obediturum, nec unquam assensum præbiturum, ut is qui electus est in episcopatum Eboracensem, aliquatenus consecratur, donec de subjectione sua ecclesiæ Cantuariensi debitam et canonicam obedientiam profiteatur. Ipse enim præsens fui, quando frater meus THOMAS archiepiscopus Eboracensis, tum antiquis consuetudinibus, tum invincibilibus allegationibus actus, eandem professionem LANFRANCO archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et cunctis ejus successoribus fecit (d).

5. *Carta H. Senioris de Hundredis.*

H Rex Anglie. Omnibus vicecomitibus, in quorum vicecomitatibus Sampson episcopus habet terras et coll' salutem. Præcipio ut he subnominate terre geldent cum terris predicti episcopi, et sequantur suos Hundreds. In Glocestria scira in Bernintreu Hundr. v. hide, quas Osbertus Giffart tenuit. Et iii. hid. et dimid in Cuntona, quas Gislebertus filius Turaldi tenuit. Et in Wacrecumbra Hundr. iiii. hid. et dimid. in Dodeswello et Peclesworda, quas Robertus tenuit. Et x. hid. in Estona, quas Drogo tenuit. Et in Teidbaldestan Hundr. In Cliva vii. hid. in Stokes, quas tenuerunt Bernaldus et Renaldus. In Wirecestria scira in Oswaldestlawe Hundr. In Grimeleya i. hid. que vocatur Chenitwic, quam tenuit Robertus Dispensator, et in Warwic scira in Patelau Hundr. i. hid. in Lo-

(c) Reg. i. dec. et cap. Wigorn. f. 11. a. et MSS. Bib. Bod. N. 2588. 93. 3. b. (d) Eadm. hist. no. 7. L. 4. p. 103.

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cheam. Et in Meretona Hundr. ii. hid. et dimidia virgata terre in Fleckenhou, quia sic testatur carta mea Wintonie; teste Rogero episcopo Salesb. apud Wodeslocam. Et has terras testatur carta Winton. esse sancte Marie de Wirecestre, teste eodem (e).

6. Carta Sampsonis episcopi de Wlverunhamtuna.

UNiversis sancte et catholice ecclesie fidelibus, Sampson Dei gratia Wigorn. episcopus salutem et Dei benedictionem. Consensu et confirmatione Henrici regis concessi et dedi Thome priori et fratribus, et filiis nostris, monachis videlicet sancte Marie de Wirecestre, ecclesiam de Wlverunhamtuna, cum terris et possessionibus et omnibus rebus ad eam pertinentibus, ita liberam et quietam, sicut dominus meus Willelmus rex eam mihi concessit et dedit. Hanc autem donationem servantes et manutinentes ab omnium retributore mercedem accipiant: si quis vero, quod absit, eam vel violare vel in aliquo minuere, sive etiam ab usibus fratrum, quibus eam perpetualiter dedi, subtrahere temptaverit; timendum erit ei ne districti judicis gravem sentiat ultionem. Teste Ailrico archidiacono, Frederico et Ailwino capellanis, &c. (f).

7. Carta Teodwaldi episcopi de Gurgite.

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jesu Christi M^oC^oXVIII^o. indictione X^a Ego Teodwaldus gratia Dei Wigornensis ecclesie antistes consilio optimatum meorum concessi et perpetualiter dedi unam piscariam in Sabrina, que ad Norwicam pertinebat, cum gurgite, et insula, et pratis, et terra, et hominibus, et domibus, et omnibus rebus ad eam pertinentibus, quietam et liberam ab omni servitio, fratribus ecclesie nostre ad victum suum. Hanc donationem si quis infringere presumpserit, perpetuo anathemate, nisi resipuerit, dampnetur. Hujus donationis sunt testes, &c. (g).

8. Carta ejusdem de Burestone et Dudrenhulle.

THeodwoldus Dei gratia Wigorn. episcopus, omnibus successoribus suis, et cunctis filiis matris ecclesie, salutem et benedictionem. Sciatis nos auctoritate episcopali confirmasse priori et monachis Ste Marie Wigornensis ecclesie Burestonam et ecclesiam de Dudrenhulle cum capellis et decimis ad eam pertinentibus, quos primum Osbertus filius Ricardi eis dedit pro salute

(e) Reg. 1. dec. et cap. Wig. f. 4. b.

(f) Ibid. f. 35. a. (g) Ibid. f. 9. b.

anime sue, et quos post eum filius suus Hugo firmiter concessit, et carta sua et sigillo confirmavit. Quare volumus, et auctoritate qua fungimur precipimus, quatinus has predictas elemosynas libere et in pace teneant, et inconcusse possideant. Omnibus autem ad hoc eos adjuvantibus sit pax et suprema benedictio Dei et nostra. Amen. Teste Hugone archidiacono, &c. (b).

9. *Carta Simonis episcopi de Westberie in Salsomarisco.*

Noverint universi sancte matris ecclesie filii, quod ego Symon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus, cognita antiqua tenura et canonico jure sancte Wigornensis ecclesie, reddidi, et presentis carte munimine confirmavi, eidem Wigornensi ecclesie, priori scilicet & monachis, ecclesiam Westbirie in perpetuam possessionem, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, scilicet cum capella sancte Wereburge super montem Hembirie sita, et capella de Cumbtune, quam Bertrannus clericus dirationavit apud Wigorn. in generali synodo, et cum possessione quæ fuit Ailwini capellani, quam Paganus clericus redemit de Engelberto favore uxoris sue, et assensu Symonis heredis sui, sicut carta prenominati Pagani testatur, et cum acris, quas prefatus Engelbertus in die obitus sui ecclesie de Westbirie devovit. Ego quoque propria manu feci priori et conventui de prefata ecclesia Westbirie, et suis appendiciis suprascriptis, canonicam investituram. Investituram autem istam eo libentius et fiducialius eis feci, quod in prefata Westburiensi ecclesia, religionem et ordinem monachicum, et ibi monachos Wigorn. Deo servientes temporibus beatorum patrum Oswaldi et Wlstan episcoporum fuisse cognovi; quos et Sampson episcopus postmodum minus provide quam oportuit eliminavit. Hujus rei testes sunt, &c. (i).

10. *Carta Symonis episcopi de Lauwerna.*

Simon Dei gratia episcopus de Wigrecestre omnibus fidelibus sancte Marie Wigorn. ecclesie salutem in Domino. Sciatis me reddidisse Deo et ecclesie sancte Marie Wigrecestre Lauwernam; et volo et precipio, ut sicut predictæ ecclesie eam donavi, ita bene et in pace, et sine omni calumpnia eam teneat. Teste Turstino archidiacono, Gervasio capellano meo, et toto capitulo predictæ ecclesie (k).

(b) Reg. I. dec. et cap. Wig. f. 21. (i) Ibid. f. 9. (k) Ibid. f. 13.

11. Carta Symonis episcopi de v. marcis de Theloneo.

SYmon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus omnibus successoribus suis sancte Marie Wigornensis ecclesie salutem. Sciat sanctitatis vestre dilectio me concessisse et in perpetuam elemosynam dedisse priori et dilecto conventui meo Wigornensi v. marcas argenti per singulos annos de Thelonio meo de Wigornia pro remedio anime mee, et omnium predecessorum et successorum meorum et parentum meorum; videlicet duas marcas ad festum sancti Godwali ad usus monachorum, et i. marcam ad anniversarium beati Wlftani episcopi, et i. marcam ad anniversarium Sampsonis episcopi, pariter patris et matris mee, et i. marcam ad anniversarium Theoldi episcopi. T. Eudone decano, magistro Serlone, &c. (l).

12. Carta Symonis episcopi super denariis sancti Petri.

EGO Symon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus dono et perpetualiter concedo tribus et filiis nostris, monachis ejusdem nostre sedis, denarios sancti Petri, quos decani nostri de terris eorum exigere solebant, quorum summa usque ad viginti solidos estimabatur. Hii sunt testes, &c. (m).

13. Carta Symonis episcopi super decima Feni.

SYmon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus omnibus successoribus suis et omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie salutem. Sciat fraternitas vestra me concessisse in perpetuum fratribus nostris, monachis Wigornensis ecclesie, omnem decimationem totius feni mei de hiis villis, scilicet, Northwic, Wicha, Remeseya, Rippel, Breoduna, Fladebiria, Hantuna, Stratford, Henbyri, Heortlebyri, ad usus monachorum et hospitum. Hanc meam donationem ita episcopali auctoritate confirmo; ut si quis eam diabolico instinctu violare presumpserit, nisi emendationem congruam fecerit, perpetuo anathemate feriat. Amen, Amen, Amen (n).

(l) Ibid. f. 10. (m) Ibid. (n) Ibid.

14. *Carta Symonis episcopi de terra Rogeri Pistoris.*

SYmon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus suis successoribus et omnibus in Christo fidelibus salutem. Sciatis me dedisse fratribus nostris monachis de Wirecestra terram, quam tenuit Rogerus Pistor, ad hospitalitatem indigentium, de me, quam diu vixit. Et volo ut ipsi fratres nostri eandem terram, cum domibus et ortis, et culturis, et pratis bene et libere, et quiete teneant à geldis et auxiliis, et omnibus servitiis et exactionibus, ad elemosynam et hospitalitatem indigentium. Hæc donatio facta est in capitulo Perforensi. Teste Turstano, &c. (o).

15. *Carta Symonis episcopi de Cestreulle.*

SYmon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus, omnibus successoribus suis in Christo salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse priori et filiis meis, monachis Wirecestre, totam terram meam de Cestreulle; et volo et auctoritate Dei et mea precipio, quatinus monachi Wigornenses predictam terram teneant tam libere et quiete, sicut unquam aliquis predecessorum meorum liberius et quietius eandem terram tenuit. T Eudone decano, &c. (p).

16. *Carta Symonis episcopi super ecclesiis sancti Swithuni et sancti Martini.*

SYmon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus universis universalis matris ecclesie filiis salutem, et pontificalem benedictionem. Noveritis me petitione, voluntate, et favore Eudonis decani dedisse et concessisse, priori et monachis Wigornensis ecclesie karissimis filiis meis, ecclesiam sancti Swithuni, que in proprio feudo ipsius decani sita et fundata fuit, ecclesiam quoque sancti Martini, quam prefatus Eudo decanus de priore et monachis Wigornie tenuit, quamque eis die qua habitum religionis accepit, liberam et quietam reddidit: salva duntaxat dignitate mea et consuetudinibus episcopalibus. Terram quoque, que de meo feudo est, quam Godwinus aurifaber infra burgum tenuit de predicto decano, et decanus de me, similiter eis do, et petitione decani concedo et confirmo. Volo ergo multumque efidero, quatinus hec mea istarum ecclesiarum simul et terre donatio, et donationis confirmatio omnibus in futurum et seculis et populis rata et inconvulsa permaneat, et harum literarum mearum fulciatur auctoritate, et testimonio roboretur. Acta est autem ista donatio coram his testibus, et cetera (q)

(o) Reg. 1. dec. et cap. V. 13. f. 10.

(p) Ibid.

(q) Ibid. f. 9.

17. Carta Symonis episcopi de ecclesia de Strande apud London.

SYmon Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus sancte matris ecclesie filiis, tam modernis quam posteris, salutem et benedictionem. Notum vobis esse volumus, nos pro amore Dei ejusque sanctissime Genetricis priori et conventui sancte Marie Wigornensis ecclesie, ecclesiam quandam apud Londoniam ab ipsa Wigornensi ecclesia olim possessam reddidisse, et in perpetuam elemosinam concessisse. Est autem ecclesia illa sancta Maria apud Strande appellata. Quare volumus firmiterque precipimus, quatinus prædicta Wigornensis ecclesia fratresque ibidem Deo servientes in eterna possessione eandem ecclesiam inconcussa possideant, et eadem libertate et quiete, qua ego eam hæcenus tenui, teneant. Hujus rei testes sunt Gervasius archid. &c. (r).

18. Confirmatio Symonis episcopi super possessionibus.

SYmon Dei gratia Wygornensis episcopus, omnibus sibi rite succedentibus, et universis matris ecclesie filiis, salutem et episcopalem benedictionem. Sancte Wigornensis ecclesie necessariis profectibus consulentes, simul et dilecti filii nostri Radulfi prioris et ceterorum fratrum Wigornensium petitionibus annuentes, dilectioni vestre notum esse volumus, nos, communi utilitate inspecta, eidem ecclesie et fratribus in ea Deo servientibus confirmando concessisse, et concedendo in perpetuum confirmasse, possessiones et tenuras, tam in temporibus nostris, quam et ante tempora nostra, eidem ecclesie ex donatione regum et ducum, et aliorum quorumlibet fidelium, ad monachorum usus collatas, integre et libere perpetualiter possidendas. Sunt autem hee possessiones et tenure, quas eidem ecclesie et priori et monachis sibi vicarie succedentibus episcopali auctoritate et presentis cartule inscriptione communimus; videlicet Croppethorn, Nether-tun, Cerletun, Seggesberge, Vverbyri cum Penedoc, Cantertun, Tetintun cum Alffigtun, Clive, Herfertun cum Scirnac, Myttone, Blacawelle, Scepeftun, Alvestun cum suis appendiciis, Locceslee, Stoke cum suis appendiciis, Pepfintun cum Dunhamstede, Wlwardelege cum Horfelee et Culleclyve, et Burton et aliis suis appendiciis, Lindruge, Newenham, Cnichtetun cum suis membris. Bureftun, Grimelee cum suis membris, Hallage cum suis membris. Hynewic cum suis membris, Bradewasse, Ikecumbe, Titbriktune, Lyppard, Laverne, et pratum, quod dicitur Kyngesham, et una virgata terre ex dono Walteri de Bellocampo. Dimidia hyda in Lench, et terre quas habent in vrbe et in suburbio, molendinum apud Tapenhale, cum terra que ad illud pertinet. Piscaria in Sabrina, que dicitur Beverburne, cum terra que ad illam pertinet. Piscaria de Hallage et de Scedewelle, et

(r) Ibid. f. 10.

dimidia piscaria de Grimelee, cum terris que ad illas pertinent. Piscaria de Beveregia, cum terra quæ ad eam pertinet. Piscaria de Tymberdene, cum terra que ad illam pertinet. Ecclesia de Hertlebyri, cum capella et terris ei pertinentibus, ecclesia de Dudrenhulla, cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent. Ecclesia apud Witstan, et quicquid ad eam pertinet. Ecclesia de Bromwic, cum terra que ad eam pertinet. Wrubbenhale et una hyda in Pebbewithe. Decime de Cloptune, Cyrcescet de Lappewrth. Decima de Pirie, decima de Himeneya. In Wich quinque salis fornaces, et due saline. In Wigornia ecclesia omnium sanctorum. Ecclesia sancti Andree. Ecclesia sancte Marine, et ex concessione mea ecclesia sancti Martini et ecclesia sancti Swithuni. In Oswoldestlawes hundred. habent prior et monachi eandem libertatem, quam et ego, et tertiam partem forisfacturæ, terras quoque quas habent in Wigorn. tam in vrbe quam in suburbio eis confirmo. Ex meo etiam proprio dono, tenent prior et monachi in Bradewas hominem unum cum terra sua, et partem terre que dicitur Mers in suburbio Wigorn. Culturam in Cestrehulle, oblationem in Pentecosten de Wirecestrescire et Warewikescire. Decima vini mei de Fledebyri et Rippel et de Saltemareis. Decimam feni mei de Hertlebyri, de Hembiri, de Norwike, de Wike, de Kemeseya, de Fladburi, de Rippel, de Breduna. De redditibus thelonei mei, quod habeo in Wigornia, unam marcam ad anniversarium Wlstani episcopi, unam ad anniversarium Sampsonis episcopi, et patris et matris mee. Duas marcas ad festum sancti Godwali, unam ad anniversarium Teoldi episcopi. Ecclesiam quoque sancte Helene cum Lawerna et aliis appendiciis suis eis reddidi perpetualiter possidendam. Confirmo etiam eis decimam vini de Almelee, ex dono Willi de Bello campo et antecessorum suorum. Nichilominus etiam confirmo eis conventionem illam que facta fuit inter eos et Radulphum Pincernam de abbacia de Alencestre, ut scilicet quando abbas ejusdem loci decesserit, communi convivencia utriusque conventus preeunte consilio et auctoritate Wigornensis pontificis, abbas substituendus eligatur in capitulo Wigornensi, vel de fratribus ejusdem ecclesie, vel, si videtur consultius, de fratribus Wigornensibus. Si quis autem has eorum possessiones et tenuras in aliquo vel magno vel modico augmentaverit, adaugeat ei Deus et presentium bonorum copiam, et in futuro vitam eternam, AMEN. Si vero vel imminuere vel in pejus eas mutare aliquis presumpserit, ultrici anathematis gladio feriatur, et eternas cum diabolo penas perhenniter fortiatur, AMEN. Facta est ista nostra confirmatio coram domino Tedbaldo Cantuarie archiepiscopo in capitulo Wigornensi, et coram hiis testibus, Gilberto Herefordensi episcopo, Rogero archidiacono Cantuarie, Godefrido et Gervasio archidiaconis, Laurentio priore Coventrensi, Gilberto priore de Estlee, Thoma Radulfo filio Radulfi Dunhalmensis episcopi, et Rogero Specie, Petro Scriptore, clericis domini archiepiscopi, Gaufrido Trenchebriſe, Roberto de Cornevilla, pagano, Gileberto Wil^o filio Aze, Johanne filio Fretherici, Tedelmo, Osberto Capellano clericis Wigornensis episcopi. Radulfo de Mandevile, Ricardo Foliot, Ofmundo camerario, Ada de Crombe, Stephano camerario, Normanno pincerna, Wil^o. Rupe, et multis aliis. Anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo

Cartarum originalium.

II

fimo centesimo quadagesimo viii^o. regni regis Stephani xiiii^o. episcopatus dompni Symonis episcopi xxiiii^o. prioratus Radulphi prioris iii^o. vii^{mo}. Kal Februarii *.

19. Litera Symonis episcopi ad dominum Cantuariensem super ecclesia de Strande.

Domino et patri suo karissimo T. Dei gratia Cant. archiepiscopo et totius Anglie primati, Symon Wigornensis dictus episcopus subjectionem. In extremo vitæ meæ positus revocavi ad memoriam erratum meum, in quo multum excessi erga Wigornensem ecclesiam de ecclesia sancte Marie de Strande apud London, quam temere mea culpa dedi Hugoni fratri Bertranni clerici; de excessu illo cum essem in præsentia dompni Herefordensis episcopi inter alios excessus meos confessus sum, assidente et audiente priore meo et archidiacono Godefrido, et magistro Bernardo Gloec. monacho, et Osberto capellano meo. Quare humillime supplico sancte paternitati vestre, quatinus pro amore Dei, et alleviatione anime mee sitis in auxilium, ut prefata ecclesia in possessionem sancte Wigornensis ecclesie reducat. Vale, pater sancte et domine (s).

20. Litera Symonis episcopi ad Lond. episcopum super ecclesia de Strande.

Domino et coepiscopo suo R. Dei gratia London episcopo, Symon eadem gratia Wigornensis episcopus, salutis et dilectionis affectum. Cum essem in extremitate vite mee positus, et venisset ad me visitandi gratia dompnus Herefordensis episcopus, revocante animo meo excessus quibus in vita mea Dominum offendi frequenter, de omnibus coram Deo et domino Herefordensi episcopo, priore quoque et archidiacono meo, et monacho quodam Gloec. Bernardo nomine, et Osberto capellano meo confessus sum; scilicet quoniam inter alias offensas meas illud potissimum perhorruui, quod erga sanctum Wigornensem ecclesiam feci, quando ecclesiam de sancta MARIE Strande apud Lond. dedi minus provide quam oportuit Hugoni fratri Bertranni clerici, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa; iccirco supplico sancte paternitati vestre, quatinus pro alleviatione anime mee et amore fraterno sitis in auxilium, ut scilicet prefata ecclesia in possessionem sancte Wigornensis ecclesie, sicut esse debet, reducat. Vale, pater (t.)

* Reg. dec. et cap. p. x. b. xi. a. (s) Ibid. f. 10 b. (t) Ibid.

21. *Confirmatio J. de Pagaham episcopi de Codeston.*

Johannes Dei gratia Wigornensis ecclesie fervus devotus, universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem. Notum facimus tam presentibus quam futuris, quod Peverellus de Bello campo, presentibus et concedentibus heredibus suis, dedit et in perpetuam elemosynam concessit ecclesie Wigorn. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, Coddestonam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Quo defuncto Guillimus Peverel, ipsius filius et heres, in presentiam nostram accessit, et predictam patris sui donationem coram nobis recognovit, et prenominatam Codestonam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, universo juri quod in illa habebat, in manu nostra ad opus ecclesie Wigorn. et monachis concessit. Nos itaque, ipso presente et concedente, homagium Radulfi prioris de terra illa nominatim recepimus, et eandem terram ipsi et ecclesie concessimus, salvo servitio quod antiquitus inde debebatur Wigornensi episcopo. Prior itaque prenominatus ipsi Peverello duas marcas argenti dedit, et in presentia nostra tradidit, in testimonium predictae donationis, et in manu nostra factae renunciationis. Hiis testibus Godefrido archidiacono Wigorn. &c. (u).

22. *Epistola Theobaldi Alfredo Wigornensi episcopo.*

Nuper prudentiam vestram satis admirari non potuimus, quæ nostro et fratrum vestrorum consilio postposito et contempto, in se videtur provocare indignationem superiorum fere potestatum omnium summus pontifex serenissimus princeps, illustris regina à fraternitate vestra modicum quid expectant, in quo honestati, indemnitati vestrae, quam utilitati eorum magis prospectum erit. Certe si rem grandem eorum quilibet sigillatim jure optimo debuerat exaudiri. De nobis, fratribus nostris taceatur ad presens. Quod si placuisset, non oportebat in consilio vestro locum tenere novissimum. Vereor, dilectissime frater, vereor ne consilarii vestri consilium inapiens inutile dederint, dum nobis omnibus apud vos præferri studuerit, omnes consulunt in commune, ut juxta principum voluntatem magistro Salomoni cedant ecclesiae, quæ in transactionem Godefridi et Willelmi venisse dicuntur. Nonne fuerat eorum tam laudabilis non modo acceptanda sed præmianda voluntas? Honestum literatum virum, vestris volunt obsequiis mancipare, dum libertatis vestrae munus implebitis; id agite, ne fiant irrita, quæ de labiis episcopi processerunt. Fuerat sane contemplatione literarum et morum jure societatis antiquæ asciscendus, id etiam nemine postulante. Nonne judicandus est in opportunitatibus suis fratrum con-

(u) Reg. 1. dec. et cap. Wig. f. 17. b.

filio, qui illud tam leviter aspernatur? Nonne preces illius merentur excludi, qui tam piam voluntatem principum non admittit? Ut de aliis taceatur, qui tum apud vos plurimum posse debent ex merito, voluntas domini papæ pleniori benignitate interpretanda erat. Vulgo dici solet, Acceptum fideliter; verum est, quia summi pontificis voluntas, decretum est: et ne in jure constituendo causarumque discissionibus duntaxat obtinere credatur, faciendi necessitatem, cum innotuerit, amantium devotione solet indicare. Sed forte dicetis, S. denunciassè magistrum S. qui adversus innocentiam vestram reginæ animum concitavit: quid aliud est, quam reginam, quæ eum vobis audientibus excusavit, ream mendacii facere? Et quia voluntatem domini papæ vobis innotuisse non ambigimus, fraternitati vestræ præsentium significatione præcipimus, ut eam impleatis, prohibentes ne quid contra eam super ejusdem ecclesiis innovetur. Præcipimus, ut nobis faciatis copiam litterarum, quas G. archid. super hoc attulit. Novit discretio vestra quid eum sequatur, Qui scit, nec facit domini voluntatem (y).

23. *Nomina fundatorum Wigornensis ecclesie.*

TEMPORE Æthelredi regis et Theodori archiepiscopi constructa est sedes episcopalis Wigorn. Bosel episcopus primus, secundus Ostfor, tertius sanctus Ecgwinus, quartus Wilfridus, tempore cujus Ceowlfus rex dedit Vverbyrie cum pertinentiis; quintus Milredus, tempore cujus Huðtredus dux Wictiorum, regnante Offa rege, dedit Stoke et Scepeston; sextus Wermundus, septimus Tylherus, tempore cujus Offa rex dedit Cropthorn cum pertinentiis; octavus Ætheredus, tempore cujus Offa rex dedit Bradewas, Lawern, Ycumb, Codeston, et Lockeslege. Wiferthus dux et Alta conjux, tempore Offe regis et Ætheredi episcopi, dederunt Lindruge cum pertinentiis. Aldredus Wictiorum dux, tempore Offe regis et Ætheredi episcopi, dedit Seggesberge. Nonus Denebertus, tempore cujus Kenulfus rex dedit Halage, Efebyr, ambas Hynewich, Lappewrth, Humelton, Dunhamsted, et in Wich decem domos cum salinis. Idem Denebertus episcopus dedit de patrimonio suo Herfortone. Decimus Heathbertus, tempore cujus Beorwlfus rex dedit Muttone et Grimele. Undecimus Alchunus, tempore cujus Burreddus rex dedit Wlwardlege cum pertinentiis. Duodecimus Werferdus, tempore cujus Æthelredus dux dedit Clivam cum Lench. Tertius decimus Æthelhunus. Quartus decimus Wiferthus. Quintus decimus Kynewoldus. Sextus decimus sanctus Dunstanus, tempore cujus Edwinus rex dedit Fepsintone et quinque fornaces salis in Wych. Septimus decimus sanctus Oswaldus, tempore cujus Edgarus rex dedit pratum ultra Sabrinam, quod dicitur Kingesham usque ad terminos adjacentes de Hynewike. Idem rex fecit de tribus centuriatibus, scilicet Wlvereslawe et Wiburnetto, que erant episcopi, et de Cathereslawe, qui erat prioris et

(y) Johan. Saresb. ep. 27. in Bibl. Boll.

conventus, unum centuriatum, i. hundredum, deditque beato Oswaldo et ejus successoribus eandem per omnia libertatem in eodem hundredo perpetuo possidendam, quam ipse rex habuit in suis hundredis, et vocatur *Oswaldeslawe*. Priori quoque et conventui concessit in eodem hundredo eandem libertatem, quantum ad tertiam partem pertinet. Mediante vero beato Oswaldo à clericis in monachos translata est sedes pontificalis honoris. Octavus decimus episcopus sanctus Adulfus, et ipse archiepiscopus Eboracensis. Nonus decimus Wlstanus reprobus. Nam nimis erravit, dum nos rebus spoliavit; et ipse archiepiscopus Eboracensis. Vicesimus Leoffius. Vicesimus primus Brichtegus. Vicesimus secundus Lyvingus. Vicesimus tertius Aldredus, qui tempore sancti Edwardi regis redemit à quodam ministro regis, Aky nomine, Tetintone pro viii. marcis auri, reddiditque conventui; dedit etiam piscariam de Hallage et de Scadewelle cum terris que ad illas pertinent, et ipse postea archiepiscopus Eboracensis. Leofricus dux et Godiva uxor ejus reddiderunt tempore sancti Wlstani quando fuit prior Blakewell. Wiburg dedit Scyrnac. Vicesimus quartus episcopus sanctus Wlstanus, tempore cujus Willelmus rex confirmavit nobis possessiones nostras. Vicesimus quintus episcopus Sampson, qui tempore Willelmi regis junioris dedit conventui Tibritton. Vicesimus sextus Thewoldus, qui tempore Henrici regis senioris dedit piscariam de Beverege, cum terra que ad illam pertinet, et terram quandam in suburbio. Vicesimus septimus episcopus Simon, tempore Henrici regis senioris. Vicesimus octavus episcopus Johannes de Paghham. Vicesimus nonus episcopus Aluredus. Tricesimus Rogerus. Tricesimus primus Baldwinus. Tricesimus secundus episcopus Willelmus de Norhale. Tricesimus tertius Robertus. Tricesimus quartus Henricus. Tricesimus quintus Johannes de Constantiis. Tricesimus sextus Masgerus. Tricesimus septimus Walterus. Tricesimus octavus Silvester. Tricesimus nonus Willelmus de Bleys. Quadragesimus Walterus de Cantilupo (z).

24. *Transactio super ecclesia de Beiberia.*

B Dei gratia dictus episcopus Exon. omnibus fidelibus, ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, salutem. Causam que vertebatur inter ecclesiam Wigorn. et ecclesiam de Osneia super ecclesia de Begeberia nobis delegavit dominus papa cognoscendam, et judicio vel concordia terminandam. Cum vero in nostra presentia partes instructe comparerent, tandem de consilio nostro et sapientum qui aderant; et quia dominus papa ad compositionem, quam ad judicium ex literarum suarum indicio pronior videbatur, venerabilis frater noster Rogerus episcopus Wigorn. et Radulphus prior et monachi Wigorn. ecclesie, qui nomine conventus sui aderant; et

(z) Reg. 1. dec. et cap. Wig. p. 1, 2, 6, 9, 17, 46.

et item Eadwardus abbas et Hardingus prior et canonici, qui nomine ecclesie Osneie venerant; in arbitros compromiserunt, sub attestatione veritatis, se eorum subjicientes arbitrio. Arbitri vero tam pro bono pacis, quam pro exequenda voluntate domini pape, decreverunt, ut ecclesia Oseneiensis memoratam ecclesiam de Begeberia, cum capellis et omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus, et libera administratione, et omni integritate, tam vicarie, quam aliarum rerum ad ipsam pertinentium, salvo in omnibus jure diocesani episcopi, in perpetuum possideat. Reddendo ex causa compensationis annuatim Wigorn. ecclesie lx. fol. nomine canonis duobus terminis; in festo S. Mich. sive infra viii. dies xxx. fol. in pascha, sive infra viii. dies pasche xxx. fol. et eos priori et monachis Wigorn. ad predictos terminos mittet. Preterea Wigorn. episcopus canonicum quendam ad minus viginti annorum, nec publica infamia laborantem, qui competenter regulam et conventum sequi possit, in ecclesia Oseneie ponet, qui pro Wigornensi ecclesia et episcopo Deo prestat obsequium, et obeunte canonico illo, episcopus, qui pro tempore fuerit, alium sub forma prescripta subrogabit. Ita tamen sequens episcopus canonicum ibi ponet, si positus à predecessore suo mortuus fuerit. Que ut sine fraude intelligantur, hoc intellectu sint interpretanda, ut ecclesia de Oseneia duos simul predicta de causa positos non habeat canonicos. Conventus etiam Oseneie universi scilicet et singuli pro episcopo Wigorn. tale suffragium orationum facient in vita et in morte, quale fit pro fundatoribus et abbatibus suis. Audito autem arbitro partes utrinque ut sponderant adquieverunt, et debet hec compositio ex compromisso tam prefati episcopi Wigorn. quam utriusque ecclesie scripto et sigillo vicissim roborari. Quod ut ratum inconcussumque permaneat, sigilli nostri impressione roboravimus. His testibus Hamel. Gloec. &c. (a).

25. *Carta B. Cant. archiepiscopi de Duderhulle.*

B Dei gratia Cant. archiepiscopus, totius Anglie primas, omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, illam que est in Domino salutem. Ne illa que à nobis ordinata sunt futuris temporibus per oblivionis incommodum deleantur, eadem scripto duximus committere, et posterorum noticie delegare. Nosse igitur volumus universitatem vestram, quod nos, dum administrationem Wigorn. ecclesie gereremus, ecclesiam sancti Augustini de Duderhulle Ade filio Edwini clerico, sub annua pensione centum solidorum dilectis filiis nostris monachis ecclesie Wigorn. singulis annis persolvenda concessimus, et, juxta officii nostri debitum, curam ejusdem ecclesie illi commisimus. Hec autem literis nostris duximus exprimenda (b).

(a) Ibid. f. xxx. (b) Reg. 1. dec. et cap. Wig. f. 23. a. et b.

A P P E N D I X

26. *Transcriptum Carte regis Henrici sen. de feodo unius militis in Inteberge.*

H Dei gratia rex Anglie et dux Norman. et Aquit. com. Andegavie, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis, querelam que vertebatur inter episcopum Herford. et episcopum Wygorn. de feodo de Inteberge, unde episcopus Wygorn. exigebat ab episcopo Herfordensi servitium feodi unius militis, et unde Hereford. episcopus assererat se debere servitium dimidii militis tantum, et unde recognitio coram me summonita fuit per xxiiii. milites, in presentia mea esse terminatam, inter Willelmum de Norhale Wygorn. episcopum et Willelmum de Ver episcopum Herford apud Kemesey, videlicet, quod cum recognitio illa per predictos xxiiii. milites super predicto servitio debebat fieri, episcopus Herford. recognitionem recipere nolens, confessus est, se de prenominato feodo Inteberge debere jam dicto episcopo Wyg. servitium feodi unius militis integrum. T. B. Cant. archiepisc. H. Dunelm. et H. Coventr. et F. Menev. episc. et Ran. de Chamvill, Raymundo com. Cestr. Roberto com. de Leygr. Willelmo com. de Arundel, Waleranno com. de Warr. Roberto Marmion, Willelmo Mareschal, et Ricardo de Chanvill, et Gilberto fil. Remfridi apud Kemesey (c).

27. *Carta Ricardi regis de Effartis.*

Ricardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dux Normannie, Aquitanie, comes Andegavie, iusticiariis, vicecom. et forestariis, et omnibus ministris et baillivis et visoribus forestarum totius Anglie, salutem. Sciatis, nos concessisse, et presenti carta confirmasse Deo et ecclesie sancte MARIE Wigorn. et Willielmo ejusdem loci episcopo, et omnibus successoribus suis, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam pro anima patris nostri regis H. et pro salute Alienor. matris nostre et nostra, quietantiam de sexcentis et xiiii. acris de Effartis mensuratis per perticam continentem in longitudine xxv. pedes et dimid. per manu pedes, scilicet, in manerio de Rippel centum et xii. acr. in manerio de Kemesey centum et lxi. acr. et dimid. in manerio de Norwich xxxiiii. acr. in Weneland xxxiiii. acr. in Optun centum et xiii. acr. in Fladeberia xiii. acr. et dimid. in Hertleberia iiii. acr. in Hembiria juxta Wich, xxxiiii. acr. et dimid. in Alvenechirch vi. acr. et dimid. in Wlfwardele xviii. acr. et dim. in Stoke xliii. acr. in Tibritton i. acr. et dimid. in Pumberia in Salsomarisco xxxviii. acr. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus,

(c) Giff. 299. b. Lib. alb. episc. Wig. f. 41. a. et lib. rub. f. 120.

quod idem episcopus et omnes successores sui habeant et teneant predi-
ctas sexcent. et xiiii. acras liberas et quietas de essartis et placitis et re-
wardis foreste, et wastis, et omnibus auxiliis, et de omni consuetudine
et exactione ad forestam pertinente, et quod inter essarta non numerentur.
Teste B. Cantuar. archiepiscopo, Hug. Lincoln. &c. Dat. apud Gaidint. xv.
die Septembris, primo anno regni nostri, per manum Willielmi de Longo
Campo cancellarii nostri (a).

28. *Carta Henrici episcopi super pensionibus ecclesiarum Wigorn.*

Universos sancte matris ecclesie filiis, ad quos presens scriptum perve-
nerit, Henricus Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus salutem in vero
salutari. Universitati vestre notum facimus, nos ad petitionem dilectorum filio-
rum nostrorum S. prioris et sacri conventus ecclesie Wigorn. eis confir-
masse pensiones, quas de quibusdam ecclesiis in Wigornia à temporibus
predecessorum nostrorum perceperunt, scilicet, in ecclesia omnium Sancto-
rum dimidiam marcam, in ecclesia sancti Clementis dimidiam marcam, et
in ecclesia sancti Martini unam marcam, et in ecclesia sancti Swithuni
xv. sol. Quod ut firmissime in posterum perseveret, presenti scripto figil-
lo nostro appposito roboravimus. Hiis testibus, &c. (b).

29. *Carta H. episcopi de capellis de Dodeham et de Knitewich.*

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis, ad quos presens carta pervenerit,
Henricus Dei gratia Wigorn. episcopus, eternam in Domino salutem.
Noverit universitas vestra, nos cartam predecessoris nostri bone memorie
Rogerii quondam Wigorn. episcopi inspexisse in hec verba : “ Universis sancte
“ matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit R. miseratione di-
“ vina Wigorn. ecclesie minister humilis salutem in vero salutari. Ad uni-
“ versitatis vestre notitiam volumus pervenire, quod Symon de Mans pro
“ sua et predecessorum suorum salute priori et conventui Wigorn. ecclesie,
“ jus advocacionis quod habuit in capellis de Dodeham et Knitewicha pia
“ devotione donavit. Ita, scilicet, ut prescripti monachi jus memoratum ab-
“ que reclamacione prescripti Symonis, vel heredum suorum in perpetuum
“ habeant, et teneant pacifice et quiete, et hoc eis carta propria confirma-
“ vit. Nos igitur piam devotionem memorati Symonis in animo commendantes,
“ donationem ab ipso factam ratam habemus et gratam, eamque jam dictis
“ priori et conventui scripti et sigilli nostri munimine roboramus. Testibus
“ Roberto de Bernaio, et Gaufrido de Cortone, presbyteris, Roberto Blundo,
“ Roberto de Porta, Daniele, et pluribus aliis clericis et laicis ”.

(a) Reg. 1. Dec. et Cap. Wig. f. 44. a. (b) Ibid. p. 25. a.

Nos igitur predecessoris nostri piis vestigiis inherentes, jus omne quod prefatis monachis in prescriptis capellis collatum est presenti scripto confirmamus, et sigilli nostri roboramus. Hiis testibus, &c. (c).

30. *Carta H. episcopi de pensione de Uverebryri.*

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Henricus Dei gratia Wigorn. episcopus eternam in Domino salutem. Cum ex injuncto nobis officio pastorali omnium subditorum nostrorum commoditati intendere teneamur, eorum tamen propensius studere debemus utilitatibus, quos et morum honestas, et sancte conversationis ordo districtior reddit commendabiles; ad universitatis vestre notitiam volumus pervenire, nos considerata honesta conversatione dilectorum filiorum prioris et sacri conventus ecclesie Wigorn. divine pietatis intuitu eis concessisse et auctoritate episcopali confirmasse annum canonem duarum marcarum in ecclesia eorum de Vverbiria, et dimidie marce in capella ejusdem de la Berge annis singulis nomine pensionis percipiendis à vicariis quibuscumque pro tempore earundem, ecclesie, scilicet, de Vverbiria et capella de la Berga. Ut autem hec nostra concessio majori gaudeat auctoritate, nostro et communi fratrum assensu provisum est et statutum, ut de medietate hujus pensionis die Transfigurationis Dominice, quem eis sollempniter celebrandum instituimus, fratribus in refectorio ob tante sollempnitatis reverentiam victui necessaria, decentius et opulentiùs inveniantur, et de alia medietate die anniversarii nostri fratres reficiantur, et elemosine pro remedio anime nostre et predecessorum nostrorum, copiosius erogentur. Ut autem hec nostra concessio rata et inconvulsa in perpetuum perseveret, eam presenti scripto et sigilli nostri appositione roboravimus. Hiis testibus, magistro Will. de Tunebrigge, &c. (d).

31. *Carta Ricardi regis de Foro de Strafford.*

Ricardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dux Norman. Aquit. et com. Andegav. archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vic. senescallis, prepositis, ballivis, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis, nos concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nobis in Christo Johanni Wigorn. episcopo et successoribus suis, forum perpetuum singulis septimanis die Jovis in manerio suo de Stratford habendum. Quare volumus, et firmiter precipimus, quod idem episcopus et successores sui prefatum forum perpetuo habeant in prefato manerio suo de Stredford

(c) Reg. i. dec. et cap. Wig.p. 14.

(d) Ibid. p. 33. b.

singulis septimanis die Jovis, ut dictum est, bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre et honorifice. Et prohibemus, ne quis eos super hoc disturbet aut impediat. Testibus H. Cant. archiepiscopo, H. Cov. episcopo, Willielmo de sancte Marie ecclesia, Willielmo filio Rad. fenescalli Norm. Willielmo de Hume et constabulario Norm. Rob. de Harecort, et pluribus aliis. Data per manum magistri Eustachii Sarum decani tunc agentis vicem cancellarii xxv. die Junii apud Insulam Andeliac. regni nostri anno septimo (e).

32. *Carta 7. episcopi super pensione ecclesie de Cliva.*

OMnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Johannes Dei gratia Wigornensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, nos divino intuitu concessisse et dedisse dilectis in Christo filiis priori et conventui Wigorn. xx. sol. Esterling. annuatim percipiendis de ecclesia manerii sui de Cliva, de quibus ipsi debent convertere xvii. sol. ad faciendum sibi pitanciam in die festivitatis beati Romani, et iii. sol. ad luminare ecclesie. Salva vicaria, quam in presentiarum tenet Adlardus. Ut autem hec nostra donatio perpetuam optineat firmitatem, eam presentis scripti annotatione et sigilli nostri appositione roboravimus. Si quis vero hanc donationis nostre et confirmationis paginam infringere temere attemptaverit, indignationem gloriose Virginis, et beati Romani, et nostram se noverit incursum. Teste magistro Ricardo Grim, &c. (f).

33. *Testamentum regis Johannis.*

EGO J. Dei gratia rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, dux Norm. et Aquit. com. Andegav. gravi infirmitate preventus, nec sufficiens ad tempus infirmitatis mee currere per singula, ut testamentum meum de singulis rebus meis condam; ordinationem et dispositionem testamenti mei fidei et dispositioni legitime committo fidelium meorum subscriptorum, sine quorum consilio etiam in bono statu constitutus, nullatenus in presentia eorum ordinarem: ut quod ipsi fideliter ordinaverint et disposuerint de rebus meis, tam in satisfactione facienda Deo et sancte ecclesie de dampnis et injuriis eis illatis, quam in succursu faciundo terre Jerosolimitane, et sustentatione prestanda filiis meis pro hereditate sua perquirenda et defendenda, et in remuneratione facienda illis qui fideliter nobis servierunt, et in distributione facienda pauperibus et domibus religiosis pro salute anime mee, ratum sit et firmum. Peto etiam, ut qui consilium et juvamen eis fecerit ad testamentum meum ordinandum, gratiam Dei percipiat et favorem. Qui autem ordinationem et dispositionem suam infregerit, maledictionem et indignationem omnipotentis Dei

(e) Lib. alb. episc. Wig. sive extenta, p. 43.

(f) Reg. i. dec. et cap. Wig. p. 30. b. et

et beate Marie, et omnium sanctorum incurrat. Inprimis igitur volo, quod corpus meum sepeliatur in ecclesia sancte Marie et sancti Wulfstani de Wigorn. Ordinatores autem et dispositores tales constituo: dominum G. Dei gratia titulo sancti Martini Presbyterum Cardinalem apostolice sedis legatum, dominum P. Winton. episcopum, dominum R. Cicestrensem episcopum, dominum S. Wigorn. episcopum, fratrem Aimericum de sancta Maura, W. Marefcallum comitem Penbroc. R. com. Cestr. Willielmum comitem de Ferrariis, Willielmum Bruwne, Walterum de Lascey, et Johannem de Mone-mut. Savaricum de malo Leone, Falkefium de Breante, (g).

34. *Carta H. regis filii J. regis de situ Castri.*

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, com. bar. justic. vic. prepositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis, nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris, priori et monachis sancte Marie Wigorn. partem illam castri Wigorn. ex parte boreali ejusdem castri, in qua domus nostre site fuerunt, que est de feodo nostro, usque ad partem illam ejusdem castri, que est de feodo Walteri de Bello Campo, tanquam jus ecclesie sue: et quam Guala quondam legatus Anglie, et W. Marefcallus senior, quondam comes Penbroc, dum fuit custos noster, et regni nostri, eisdem priori et monachis assignaverunt ad ampliationem curie sue, die quo corpus domini J. regis patris nostri commendatum fuit sepulture in ecclesia beate MARIE Wigorn. In presentia venerabilis patris S. quondam episcopi Wigorn. et R. com. Cestr. et Linc. W. de Ferrariis com. Derby, W. de Lascey, Johannis de Monem. Hugonis de Mortuo Mari, Walteri de Clifford, qui interfuerunt sepulture predicti domini J. regis patris nostri, nobis tunc temporis existentibus infra etatem; habendam et tenendam de nobis et heredibus nostris eisdem priori, et monachis, et successoribus suis, in perpetuum ad predictae curie sue ampliationem. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod predicti prior, et monachi, et successores sui in perpetuum habeant et teneant partem predictam castri Wigorn. ex parte boreali ejusdem castri, in qua domus nostre site fuerunt, et que est de feodo nostro, usque ad partem aliam ejusdem castri que est in feodo Walteri de Bello Campo, bene et in pace, libere et quiete, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis tanquam jus ecclesie sue, sicut predicti Guala et W. Marefcallus partem illam eis assignaverunt tempore predicto. Hiis testibus, venerabili patre P. Winton. episcopo, H. de Burgo com. Kanc. &c. Dat' per manus venerabilis patris R. Cycestr. episcopi cancellarii nostri apud Bruges, vicesimo secundo die Maii, anno regni nostri sexto decimo. 1232. (b).

(g) Originale penes Dec. et cap. Wigorn.

(b) Reg. i. dec et cap. Wig. p. 44.

35. *De Castro Wygorn. testimonium.*

Wet H. Dei gratia Eboracensis et Dubliniensis archiepiscopi, et J. eadem gratia Bathon. et Glaston. episcopus, universis Christi fidelibus eternam in Domino salutem. Noveritis, nos presentes fuisse ubi dominus W. Marefcallus, custos domini regis et regni, de consilio et assensu domini legati et magnatum Anglie, reddidit et concessit ex parte ipsius domini regis venerabili in Christo fratri nostro S. Wygorn. episcopo ball. castri Wygorn. tanquam jus ecclesie sue. Retenta ad opus dicti regis mota ejusdem castri. Et in hujus rei testimonium has literas nostras patentes sigillorum nostrorum impressione signatas confecimus. Valete (i).

36. *Litere dirigende regi ad postulandum licentiam eligendi.*

EXcellentissimo domino H. Dei gratia illustri regi Anglie, domino Hybernice, duci Normannie, Aquitanie, et comiti Andegavie, devoti filii W. prior Wigorn. et humilis ejusdem loci conventus, salutem et reverentiam. Cum per mortem venerabilis patris, W. Wigorn. episcopi, tam ecclesia Wigorn. quam nos nuper fuimus pastoris solatio destituti, vestre dominationi excellentissime supplicamus, quatinus eligendi tam ecclesie predicte, quam nobis, pastorem, licentiam nobis tribuere velitis competentem. Valeat excellentia vestra per longa tempora (k).

37. *Litere dirigende domino Cantuar. pro officialitate.*

Reverendo domino et patri in Christo karissimo, E. Dei gratia Cantuar. archiepiscopo, totius Anglie primati, devoti filii sui, W. prior Wigorn. et humilis ejusdem loci conventus, salutem, et tam devotam quam debitam cum obedientia reverentiam. Cum vacante sede Wigorn. ecclesie, ejusdem loci priores officialitatis curam in episcopatu ipso ex possessione diutina, ac consuetudine longis retro temporibus optenta haecenus optinuerint; vestre paternitati sanctissime duximus supplicare, quatinus, cum per mortem venerabilis patris nostri W. Wigorn. episcopi ecclesie Wigorn. sedes vacans sit, dicta possessione in dicte consuetudinis prejudicium diu approbate assensu vestro gratuito, non tam concurrente quin etiam opitulante, contra justitiam non privemur. Valeat sancta paternitas vestra semper in Domino (l).

(i) Ibid. (k) Ibid p. 43. b. (l) Ibid.

38. *Littere regis de licentia eligendi.*

H Dei gratia Anglie, &c. dilectis sibi in Christo priori et conventui Wigorn. salutem. Venientes ad nos ex parte vestra frater Thomas superior et frater Ernaldus monachus domus vestre, cum litteris vestris patentibus, nuntiaverint nobis ecclesiam vestram vacantem esse per mortem venerabilis patris, W. quondam episcopi vestri, et petierunt à nobis licentiam eligendi alium vobis et ipsis in episcopum et pastorem. Nos igitur petitioni vestre benigne condescendentes, concedimus vobis et ipsis licentiam alium eligendi vobis in episcopum et pastorem. Mandantes quatinus talem eligatis vobis in episcopum et pastorem, qui regimini ecclesie vestre sufficiat, et nobis fidelem et regno nostro utilem dinoscitur. T. meipso apud Noting. xxiii. die Augusti anno regni nostri xx°. 1236. (m).

39. *Confirmatio Walteri de Cantilupo episcopi super decimis.*

Universis Christi fidelibus hoc presens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Walterus, Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopus, eternam in Domino salutem. Quoniam bona, que locis religiosis conferuntur, non tam in usus ibidem Deo famulantium convertuntur, verum etiam ad sustentationem pauperum et peregrinorum deputantur, ex officio nostri debito, loca talia tenemur paterna affectione tractare, et eisdem subveniendo ea brachiis caritatis artius amplexari. Hinc est, quod divine pietatis intuitu in favorem religionis, et hospitalitatis augmentum, dilectis in Christo filiis priori et conventui Wygorn. auctoritate pontificali, de consensu rectorum ecclesiarum, quibus cura parochianorum incumbit, concedimus et confirmamus decimas, quas ab antiquo percipere consueverunt in parochiis infra scriptis, secundum quod eas hactenus possederunt; videlicet in parochiis de Bradewas, et de Grimele, de Hallawe, de Seggesberewe, de Vverbiri, de Cropthorn, de Humelton, et de Wyke episcopi, de Wychenesford, de Herforton, de Clive prioris, de Bremegrave. Concedimus etiam eis ecclesiam dicti manerii de Bremegrave, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in proprios usus, salva vicaria perpetuo possidenda, quam quidem ecclesiam predecessor noster eis prius concesserat, ut in instrumento super hoc confecto plenius continetur. Pensiones etiam ecclesiarum, quas predecessor noster eis confirmavit, auctoritate predicta duximus confirmandas. Ut autem hec nostra concessio perpetue firmitatis robur optineat, hoc presens scriptum sigilli nostri munimine duximus roborandum. Dat' apud Cirencestre undecima Kal. Decembris anno pontificatus nostri tertio (n).

(m) Reg. dec. et cap. Wig. p. 43. b. (n) Ibid. p. 53. b.

40. *Carta de vetito Namio de terris, feudis, et libertatibus infra comitat. Wygorn. Glouc. et Warewike.*

Henricus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, et dominus Hibernie, dux Normannie, Aquitanie, et com. Andegavie, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis, nos dedisse, concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, pro anima domini J. regis patris nostri, et animabus antecessorum et heredum nostrorum, Deo et ecclesie beate Marie Wigorn. et Waltero Wigorn. episcopo, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, in puram, liberam, et perpetuam elemosinam, quantum ad nos pertinet, omnia placita de vetito namio de terris, feudis et libertatibus ejusdem episcopi, et predictae ecclesie Wigorn. infra metas comitatum Wigorn. Glouc. et Warewike. Ita quod nullus vicecomes, aut alius ballivus, contra presentem nostre libertatis donationem, nisi per eorundem episcoporum manifestum defectum, ingrediatur de cetero terras, feuda, aut libertates ejusdem episcopi, vel successorum suorum, aut ecclesie Wigorn. ad faciendum deliberationes namiorum vetitorum, vel summonitiones, aut attachiamenta, ad trahendum placita de vetito namio ad comitatus vel hundreda extra predicta terras, feuda, aut libertates. Sed idem episcopus vel successores sui habeant et teneant, per se, vel per ballivos suos, omnia placita predicta ad nos pertinentia de vetito namio, et commoda ex illis provenientia retineant, et omnia faciant, que ad predicta placita pertinent, sine contradictione nostri vel heredum nostrorum, aut vicecomitum, vel aliorum ballivorum nostrorum. Hoc adjecto, quod si aliquis jus sibi vindicare voluerit in placitis predictis de vetito namio, non tenebimur eidem episcopo, vel successoribus suis, predictam libertatem warantizare, quin inde respondeant in curia nostra, secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri. Et quia predictus episcopus noluit predictam libertatem a nobis recipere, quin pro se et successoribus suis nobis pro ea perpetuam faceret recompensationem, acquietabit nos perpetuo de sex marcis sterlingorum singulis annis de elemosina nostra, quam solvere tenebamur per annum de scaccario nostro priorisse et monialibus de Wrockeshale. Quare volumus, et firmiter precipimus, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod predictus episcopus et successores sui habeant et teneant, in perpetuum in puram, liberam, et perpetuam elemosinam, quantum ad nos pertinet, omnia placita de vetito namio de terris, feudis, et libertatibus ejusdem episcopi, et predictae ecclesie Wigorn. infra metas comitatum Wigorn. Glouc. et Warewike; ita quod nullus vicecomes, aut alius ballivus, contra presentem nostre libertatis donationem, nisi per eorundem episcoporum manifestum defectum, ingrediatur de cetero terras, feuda, aut libertates ejusdem episcopi, vel successorum suorum, aut ecclesie Wigorn. ad faciendum deliberationes namiorum vetitorum, vel summonitiones, aut attachiamenta, ad trahendum placita de vetito namio ad comitatus vel hundreda extra predicta terras, feuda, aut libertates. Sed idem episcopus vel successores sui habeant

habeant et teneant, per se, vel per ballivos suos, omnia placita predicta ad nos pertinentia de vetito namio, et commoda ex illis provenientia retineant, et omnia faciant, que ad predicta placita pertinent, sine contradictione nostri vel heredum nostrorum. Hoc adjecto, quod si aliquis jus sibi vindicare voluerit in placitis predictis de vetito namio, non tenebimur eidem episcopo vel successoribus suis predictam libertatem warrantizare, quin inde respondeant in curia nostra, secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri, sicut predictum est. Hiis testibus, Joh. de Plessitis com. Warwike, Galfrido de Lezuman, et Willielmo de Valentia, fratribus nostris, Petro de Sabaudia, Willielmo de Cantilupo, Radulpho filio Nicholai, Johanne de Grey, Joh. de Burgo, Rogero de Monte alto, Roberto de sancto Johanne, Roberto Waleraund, Gilberto de Segrave, Willielmo Bardulf, Nicholao de sancto Mauro, Rad. de Bakepus, Willielmo de sancto Ermino, et aliis. Dat' per manum nostram apud sanctum Macarium sexto decimo die Junii, anno regni nostri tricesimo octavo (o).

41. *Carta Henrici regis de Warennam de omnibus dominicis terris episcopi Wigorn. in comitatibus Wygorn. Warrewyke, et Gloucestre.*

Henricus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, dux Normannie, Aquitanie, et comes Andegavie, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, ministris, et omnibus suis ballivis, et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis, nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, Waltero Wygorn. episcopo, quod ipse et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam Warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Hambyri in Salfo Marisco, Beybiri, Wythindone, Clive, Bredone, Rippel, Kemeseye, Wye, Norwyke, Hertlebyri, Alvinecherche, Fladebyri, Blokeley, Tredintone, Stredford super Avenam, Hampton episcopi, Eston, et Rugges; dum tamen terre ille non sint infra metas foreste nostre. Ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis, vel ad aliquid capiendum, quod ad varennam pertineat, sine licentia et voluntate ejusdem episcopi vel successorum suorum, super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. Quare volumus, et firmiter precipimus, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod predictus episcopus et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam varennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Hambyri, in Salfo Marisco, Beybiri, Wytindone, Clyve, Bredone, Rippel, Kemeseye, Wyke, Norwyke, Hertlebyri, Alvinecherche, Fladbyri, Blokeley, Tredintone, Stredford super Avenam, Hampton episcopi, Eston, et Rugges, dum tamen terre ille non sint infra metas foreste nostre. Ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis, vel ad aliquid capiendum, quod ad Warennam pertineat, sine licentia et voluntate ejusdem episcopi et successorum suorum, super forisfacturam nostram decem

(o) Lib. alb. epis. Wig. sive Extenta, p. 40.

librarum, sicut predictum est. Hiis testibus, Galfrido de Lezuman, Johanne de Pleffetis com. Warwyke, Radulpho filio Nicholai, Bernamo de Cryoillis, Willielmo de Grey, Drogone de Barentino, Philippo de Vallibus, Wakelino de Ardery, Willielmo Gernun, Willielmo de sancto Ermino, et aliis. Dat' per manum nostram apud Mertone secundo die Aprilis, anno regni nostri tricesimo nono 1255. (p).

42. *Confirmatio Henrici regis Cartarum H. proavi, et H. avi sui, de hundredis et libertatibus terrarum episcopi Wigorn.*

Henricus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie, omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, salutem. Inspeximus cartam, quam bone memorie H. quondam rex Anglie, illustris proavus noster, fecit Sampsoni quondam Wigorn. episcopo, in hec verba: "H. rex Anglie omnibus vicecomitibus, &c." usque ad "teste eodem", ut inspeximus etiam cartam, quam H. quondam rex Anglie, illustris avus noster, fecit, ecclesie Wigorn. J. tunc episcopo ejusdem loci, in hec verba: "H. rex Anglie, et dux Normannie et Aquitanie, et comes Andegavie, omnibus baronibus, et justitiariis, et vicecomitibus, et ministris, et fidelibus suis de Wirecestre schire, et de Gloucestre schire, et de Warwyke schire, salutem. Sciatis, me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Wirecestre, et Johanni episcopo, omnes terras suas et tenementa, et redditus, et libertates, et dignitates, et liberas consuetudines, et quietantias suas, in bosco, et in plano, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis et molendinis, in stagnis et vivariis, in burgo et extra, in omnibus locis, cum toll et team, et foca et faca, et infangenestheff, et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis, cum quibus predicta ecclesia Wirecestre melius vel liberius tenuit tempore regis H. avi mei. Teste Thoma cancellario, Ricardo de Hum. constabulario, comite Patricio. Dat' Sarum".

Nos autem predictas concessiones et confirmationem ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, concedimus et confirmamus, sicut carte predictae rationabiliter testantur. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. vicesimo secundo die Octobris, anno regni nostri quinquagesimo secundo. 1267. (q).

(p) Lib. alb. sive extenta, p. 41. (q) Ibid. p. 39, 40.

43. *Carta Walteri de Cantilupo de capella Carnarie*

UNiversis Christi fidelibus Walterus de Cantilupo miseratione divina Wygorn. episcopus, salutem in Domino. Cum bone memorie Wilhelmus de Bleys quondam Wygorn. episcopus, predecessor noster, quandam capellam apud Wygorn. inter majorem ecclesiam et aulam episcopi, opere construi fecerit eleganti, et sub eadem Cryptum competentem, in qua multorum ossa recondi fidelium constituit defunctorum, in qua quidem tota capella predicta *Carnaria* vulgariter nuncupatur: Nos considerantes pium fore ac salubre, cogitationis effectum, in predicta capella predecessoris nostri, qui tale post se memoriale reliquit; nostrique, antecessorum nostrorum omniumque fidelium defunctorum memorie providere, ut in predicta capella ad divini cultus augmentum perpetualiter capellani, qui in memoriam predictorum, ad laudem Dei, et beate Marie virginis, et beati Thome martyris, in cujus nomine et honore dicta capella est constructa, omniumque sanctorum, divina celebrent in eadem, devotionis ducti fervore, de consensu capituli nostri Wygorn. taliter, sub spe uberiore providentie atque fortune, in nomine Patris, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti duximus ordinandum:

Statuentes, quod in predicta capella, que *Carnaria* dicitur, sint quatuor capellani continue residentes, quorum unus sit magister perpetuus ibidem ad dispositionem episcopi prefigendus; qui quidem capellani in divinis officiis in omnibus canonicis, et aliis, que sibi incumbunt, usum Sarum observantes, pro viribus simul psallant, et ad dictam capellam mane conveniant ad minus quam cito in civitate pulsatur, eodem modo ad horas faciant vespertinas; circa Missarum autem officia ita se habeant capellani, quod cotidie antequam scholas adeant, celebretur una Missa de die cum nota, et auditis lectionibus tres celebrentur cotidie pro defunctis, et hoc sine nota, si voluerint, vel cum nota. Circa statum vero capellanorum predictorum qualiter se habere debeant in victu et gestu taliter ordinamus; videlicet, quod omnes scholas exerceant, simul comedant, et in una domo simul dormiant. De viginti autem marcis ad capellanorum sustentationem in dictis locis specialiter deputatis, predictus magister cuilibet trium sacerdotum viginti duos solidos annuatim pro stipendiis exhibere; de reliquo vero quod superest, teneatur in exhibitione esculenti et poculenti eisdem. Ita, scilicet, quod cotidie habeant bonum panem triticeum, et bonam cerevisiam, cujusmodi bona in civitate dicta communiter consuevit, et unum ferculum sufficiens et honestum, cum una pitancia competentis; prout status patrie et temporum qualitas possibilitas diversimode se extendet. Tenebit dictus magister de dicta pecunia accepta unum clericum sufficientem, et alia onera dicte capelle, luminare videlicet, libros, vestimenta, et alia. Insuper etiam in eorum hospitio unum servientem continue honestum, et alia domus onera, prout utilitas exegerit, sustinere. Sacrista vero predicte capelle, ac etiam hospitii dictorum capellanorum edificia, ne contingant ipsa ruinosa fieri,

feri, sustentabit. Ad evitandum insuper omnis suspitionis incommodum in premissis, volumus observari, ne predicti capellani magister, aut alii, laycos aliquos, et maxime mulieres, sibi in societatem assumant, nec sit igitur frequens accessus laicorum, nec aliquatenus mulierum, nec etiam capellani predicti, instabilium more, vagabundi existant, nec aliqua suspecta frequentent, se gerant sicut sacerdotalem decet in omnibus honestatem. Hanc autem ordinationem nostram observantes, et eandem ope consilii et bonorum largitionibus promovere caritatis intuitu satagentes, bonorum omnium que in dicta capella fient, imperpetuum et nostre benedictionis concedimus esse participes, illam autem malitiose impediētes, seu perturbantes, vel quomodolibet violantes, indignationem Dei Omnipotentis, et gloriose Virginis matris ejus, et Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et beati Thome martyris predictę capelle patroni, omniumque sanctorum, et nostram maledictionem incurrant. In cujus rei testimonium predictam ordinationem fecimus sigilli nostri impressione muniri, ac etiam eandem sigilli capituli nostri Wigornie munimine roborari. Dat' Wygorn. in die Sabbati proxime ante festum purificationis beate Marie virginis, anno Domini millesimo CC^{mo}. LX^o. quinto (r).

44. *Carta de Castro de Hertlebury kernellando.*

Henricus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis, et fidelibus suis, salutem. Cum bone memorie Walterus quondam Wigorn. episcopus, quoddam castrum fossato et muro de petra et calce firmare inceperit, apud manerium suum de Hertlebury, in comitatu Wigorn. nos venerabili patri G. Wigorn. electo, cancellario nostro, gratiam facere volentes in hac parte specialem, concessimus, ei pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod prefatus G. Wigorn. electus, et successores sui castrum suum predictum fossato et muro de petra et calce includere, firmare, kernellare, emendare, et afforciare possint, ad voluntatem suam, et castrum illud sic clausum, firmatum, et kernellatum, tenere sibi et successoribus suis, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri, vel heredum nostrorum, imperpetuum, sicut predictum est. Hiis testibus, venerabile patre W. Ebor. archiepiscopo Anglie primate, Rogero de Leyburne, Roberto Waleraund, Roberto Aquilun, Willielmo de Atite, Willielmo Belet, Petro de Champnent, Johanne de Trublevil, Stephano de Eddeworth, et aliis. Dat' per manum nostram apud Windefore octavo die Junii, anno regni nostri quinquagesimo secundo (s).

(r) Lib. Pens. f. 27, &c. (s) Lib. alb. episc. Wig. intitulat. *Extenta et Chart.* f. 45. b.

45. *Compositio inter episcopum et executores W. de Cantilupo.*

OMnibus sancte Matris ecclesie filiis, ad quos pervenerit hec scriptura, Godfridus, miseratione divina humilis minister ecclesie Wigorn. salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestre notitiam volumus pervenire, quod cum nostro et nostre ecclesie nomine, et nostrorum quorumlibet successorum, ex ordinatione bone memorie Willielmi de Bleys episcopi Wigorn. sue tbe. interventu firmata, super instructione omnium maneriorum nostrorum episcopalium in instrumentis, averiis, animalibus, et rebus aliis consistente, discretos viros dominum Robertum de Esthall, magistros Hugonem et Thomam de Cantilupo, Wigorn. Glouc. et Stafford. archidiaconi, executores testamenti bone memorie Walteri de Cantilupo episcopo Wigorn. coram officiali curie Cant. auctoritate domini O. sancti Adriani diac. card. apostolice sedis legati cognoscente traxissemus in causam; tandem lite super hoc inter partes legitime contestata, et testibus ex parte nostra productis, cum propter prolixitatem deponentium, et varios litis anfractus, difficilis exitus videretur; placuit iudici et partibus causam per concordiam terminari; unde partium interveniente assensu per dictum officialem fuit salubriter ordinatum, quod centum libre sterlingorum de bonis testatoris predicti per manus dictorum executorum nobis, nostro et nostre ecclesie nomine, et nostrorum quorumlibet successorum, assignarentur, et integre solverentur, nostris usibus, dum vixerimus, deputande, et post nostrum decessum de bonis nostris . . . priori Wigorn., vel sacriste qui pro tempore fuerit, ante omnia persolvende et deponende in tuto, ad usus nostri proximi successoris, virtute presentium suo postero similiter obligati. Ita ut quilibet episcopus preficiendus in ecclesia supradicta, de bonis sui predecessoris teneatur exigere tantam summam, et eam suo relinquere successori sub pena tanti, rato manente nihilominus principali. Ad hec officialis predictus de consensu partium ordinavit, quod dicta pecunie summa, quo ad proprietatem sit ecclesie Wigorn. et quoad usum tantummodo sit prelati, et quod ecclesia quoad eam omnibus nostris et successorum nostrorum creditoribus preponatur; et quod prelatus ipsius, qui de bonis sui predecessoris non exegerit dictam summam, ad ipsius solutionem suo postero faciendam nihilominus teneatur. Quam ordinationem dicti executores ratam habentes et firmam, per integram centum librarum numerationem et solutionem plenariam nobis factam, imperpetuum firmiter solidarunt. Et nos eam pro nobis et successoribus nostris promissimus observare et instare pro viribus, ut ipsa per nostrum capitulum confirmetur. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum dicti officialis et nostrum presentibus sunt appensa. Hiis testibus, dominis Galfrido de Rindweie capellano nostro canonico de Wilton, Nicholao de Wodeford canonico de Westbiri, magistris Galfrido de Cubberleye canonico Landaveni, Alano de Quixleya, Rogero de Stokes, Waltero de Berton, Thoma de Wichesford, Willielmo de Hamme,

Petrus

Petro de Okleya, clericis, et aliis. Dat' apud Westm. ii. Id. Maii, anno gratie M^o. CC^o septuagesimo, pontificatus nostri anno secundo (t.)

46. *Carta super feria de Blockele.*

EDwardus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis, quod cum venerabilis pater G. Wigorn. episcopus, et predecessores sui, quondam episcopi loci ejusdem, quandam feriam apud manerium suum de Blockeye in comitatu Wygorn. singulis annis per octo dies duraturam, videlicet, in vigilia, et in die, et in crastino sancti Mathei apostoli, et per quinque dies sequentes, habuerunt à tempore quo memoria jam non extat; nos ad requisitionem prefati episcopi concessimus, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod ipse et successores sui in perpetuum habeant predictam feriam ibidem, per octo dies predictos, et per alios octo dies sequentes continuo predictos octo dies, duraturam; nisi feria illa sit ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus, et firmiter precipimus, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod predictus episcopus et successores sui in perpetuum habeant predictam feriam, apud manerium suum predictum, singulis annis, per predictos octo dies, et per alios octo dies proximos, ut predictum est, sequentes duraturam, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi feriam pertinentibus; nisi feria illa sit ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum, sicut predictum est. Hiis testibus, venerabili patre R. Bathon. et Wellen. episcopo, cancellarionostro, Eadmundo fratre nostro, Eadmundo comite Cornubie, Johanne de Warennia comite de Surria, Willielmo de Bello Campo comite Warrewyke, Johanne de Vescei, Eadmundo de Mortuo Mari, Ricardo de Brus, Roberto filio Johannis, Thoma de Weilandia, Rogero Loveday, et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud Westmon. quinto die Februarii, anno regni nostri quarto decimo (u).

(t) Gif. f. 29 a. et b. (u) Lib. alb. episc. Wig. f. XLIII.

47. *Articuli episcopi versus comitem Warwici.*

Willielmus de Bello Campo pater Willelmi de Bello Campo, com. Warr. auctoritate propria infra hundredum de Oswaldeflowe, apud Aumeleye, levavit et tenuit assisam panis et cerevisie, cum iudicio, sine waranto et assensu bone memorie Walteri de Cantilupo quondam Wigorn. episcopi, et ejusdem loci conventus, in prejudicio, &c.

Idem Willelmus de Bello Campo toto tempore suo tenuit visum franci pleigii in omnibus maneriis suis sitis infra hundredum de Oswald. in prejudicium libertatis de Oswaldeflow antedictæ, sine waranto, et assensu, et voluntate domini Wigorn. et sui capituli minime intervenientibus.

Idem Willelmus subtraxit manerium suum de Beningworde de hundredo de Oswaldeflowe ad curiam suam propriam de baronia, in prejudicium libertatis antedictæ, sine assensu, &c.

Idem Willelmus impedivit suo tempore per vices Walterum quondam Wigorn. episcopum, habere et tenere Warennam sibi et successoribus suis à domino rege concessam, in dominicis terris suis de Bredone; quod quidem dominicum, ut suum, tanquam Warennam ad manerium de Aumeleye pertinentem, ut capud ad membrum, possidere conabatur.

Dictus Willelmus filius suus, heres et comes Warr. patri suo succedens, dominum G. Dei gratia, episcopum Wygorn. modernum, in supradictis articulis contra libertatem de Oswald. Wygornienſi ecclesie, à tempore quo non extat memoria, concessam, minime cessat infestare.

Item dictum est de antiquioribus ville de Alvichirche, quod tenementum de la Blakegrove, quod Willielmus de Belne nunc tenet, aliquando fuit dominicum boscum domini episcopi Wygorn. quod quidem tenementum alienatum est ab ecclesia antedicta, per vim et potentiam Folkwy de Wycheforde, et assensu et voluntate Hugonis quondam persone de Alvichirche, cujus filiam nomine Isabellam Hugo de Belne duxit in uxorem, cui successit Willielmus de Belne, filius et heres modernus, qui primo cartam domini regis optinuit de dicto tenemento ad impetrationem dominorum Johannis Mancel et Symonis de Wauton.

Item Hopwode olim fuit dominicum episcoporum Wygorn. usque ad tempus quondam Symonis Wygorn. episcopi, qui illud manerium dedit cum nepte sua Willielmo de Milesweres, unde ex post facto accidit, quod Willielmus de Bleys, quondam Wygorn. episcopus, implacitavit Th. de Hopwode in curia domini regis, et pugiles suos tenuit, decedente vero dicto Th. remansit dictum placitum usque in hodiernum diem (x).

(x) Giff. f. Liii. b.

Forma pacis inite inter dominum G. episcopum Wygorn. et com. Warr. sive finis factus in curia domini regis inter episcopum Wygorn. et com. Warr. anno viii.

Willelmus de Bello Campo comes Warr. venit et recognovit, quod tene-
tur venerabili patri Godefrido Wygorn. episcopo et successoribus suis,
et ecclesie sue Wygorn. singulis annis in perpetuum in sex marcis sterlingo-
rum percipiendorum per manus prepositi sui de Stolton juxta Wadburwe,
in festo Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis, in ecclesia cathedrali Wygorn.
ita quod liceat dicto episcopo et successoribus suis distringere dictum comi-
tem et heredes suos in manerio predicto de Stolton, pro prefato redditu
sex marcarum, si à retro fuerint, sine aliqua contradictione, prout libet.
Et concesserunt predicti episcopus et comes, quod si consilium Domini in
Parlamento ejusdem, quod erit à die pasche in xv. dies proximo futura
provideri poterit, interveniente ad hoc consilio dictorum episcopi et comitis,
quod dictus redditus sex marcarum monialibus de Wroxehale per dictum
comitem et heredes suos sine medio solvi poterit, ita quod non veniat
per manus predicti episcopi et successorum suorum ad eas, et in om-
nibus, quoad suas libertates, ecclesia Wygorn. conservetur indemnis;
tunc ipse comes et heredes sui ipsis monialibus satisfaciant de redditu me-
morato, secundum tenorem carte quam habent de domino rege de redditu
eodem; et tunc erunt predictus comes et heredes sui versus dictum epi-
scopum et successores suos quieti de solutione redditus predicti. Preterea,
idem comes recognovit se teneri dicto episcopo in quadraginta libris bone
et legalis monete, de quibus solvet in festo Nativitatis beati Johannis
Baptiste proximo futuro xx lb. et in festo Omnium Sanctorum proximo
sequent. xx lb. et nisi fecerit, concessit quod vicecomes Wygorn. eas fieri
faciat sine dilatione de terris et catallis suis in balliva sua. Et pro hac
recognitione idem episcopus pro se, suis successoribus, et ecclesia sua Wy-
gorn. remisit et quietum clamavit predictum comitem et heredes suos de
mille libris, in quibus Willielmus de Bellocampo pater dicti comitis, quon-
dam vic. Wygorn. nomine expensarum tenebatur ecclesie Wygorn. et de
quibus dictus episcopus dictum comitem implacitavit. Et promisit idem e-
piscopus, quod erga executores testamenti bone memorie Walteri quondam
episcopi Wygorn. et erga omnes homines predictum comitem et heredes
suos servabit indemnes, et super hoc sibi faciet instrumentum, prout con-
siliu dicti comitis et suum ordinabit; et vice versa dictus comes, se-
cundum predicta consilia, super predicto annuo redditu sex marcarum suf-
ficiens faciet instrumentum. Facta est autem hec recognitio et conventio
in presentia domini regis, et sui consilii ipsius domini regis, et sui consilii in-
terveniente expresso consensu, apud Wynton. in vigilia Circumcisionis Domini.
Anno regni sui octavo.

Quando

Quando contentio erat inter G. Wygorn. episcopum, et W. de Bello-campo com. Warr. anno pontificatus dicti episcopi quinto, super libertatibus ecclesie Wygorn. quas tam pater ipsius comitis, quam etiam idem comes, usurpaverint injuste, tandem predictus episcopus et comes compromiserunt in certas personas, ut ipsi audirent et determinarent contentiones hujusmodi; videlicet, ex parte episcopi, magistrum Thomam de Wy-mundeham, et priorem sancti Thome de Stafford; ex parte vero comitis, abbatem Evesham, et dominum Robertum Walrond, qui in diversis locis de predictis contentionibus tractaverint, primo apud Glouc. ii. Wynton. iii. London. iiii. Wodestoke, quinto Kyderminstre, vi. Stratford super Abbonam, vii. Stanleze in com. Warr. viii. apud Kenilworth, postea vero lis conquievit apud Wynton. in forma prescripta (y).

48. *Transcriptum compositionis inite inter episcopum et capitulum Wygorn.*

PAteat universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis, ad quos pervenerit hec scriptura, quod nos Godefridus, miseratione divina minister ecclesie Wygorn. super diversis controversiis et querelis inter bone memorie Willielmum predecessorem nostrum ex parte una, et priorem et capitulum nostrum, ex altera, olim exortis, inter cetera compositionis capitula tandem inite inter eos insertum comperimus hunc tenorem; circa custodiam autem prioratus vacantis ordinatum est sub hac forma; ut scilicet episcopus Wygorn. vacante prioratu, ecclesias ad presentationem prioris et conventus spectantes, quas interim vacare contigerit, libere conferat personis idoneis, custodias etiam et eschaetas, necnon et maritagia libere tenentium eque conferat, si acciderint hii casus prioratu vacante; toto residuo, tam in capite prioratus et maneriis eorum, quam in ecclesiis, quas habent in usu proprio, nec non et aliis beneficiis seu redditibus, ad solius custodiam pertinente. Nec per collationem ecclesiarum, custodiarum, eschaetarum, maritagiorum, que fiet ab episcopo, prioratu vacante, aliquid conventui vel eorum priori prejudicium generetur, quin priore eis ordinato, ad ipsos alia vice spectet ordinatio seu presentatio omnium premissorum, cum iterum vacaverint; vel acciderint prioratu non vacante. Propter premissa vero non differatur ordinatio prioris vel aliquatenus protrahatur, sed quanto commodius fieri poterit, vacante prioratu, destinabit conventus ad episcopum suum, ubicumque fuerit in Anglia, aliquot de gremio suo, qui ei septem monachos nominatos à conventu per literas patentes conventus presentent, ut sic ordinatio sine difficultate procedat. Si vero episcopus exiturus sit regnum, ad quascunque partes iturus, statuet aliquem loco suo, qui unum de septem nominatis à conventu eis priorem preficiat vice sua,

(y) Giff. f. 398. b. et 427. b.

sive jam prioratu vacante, ipse regnum egredi statuerit, sive eo agente extra regnum contigerit prioratum vacare; ut undique provideatur ecclesie, ne per absentiam episcopi remaneat desolata. Et si nemine constituto loco sui, qui priorem possit, sicut dictum est, preficere, contigerit episcopum egredi regnum, ne vel sic per negligentiam vel desidiam episcopi contingat ordinationem prioris impune differri, hoc in penam ipsius statuerunt, ut sive ante egressum ipsius vacaverit prioratus, sive postea, nichil interim per ipsum, vel suos, de dictis ecclesiis, custodiis, eschaetis, vel maritagiis conferatur, sed illa vacatione pertineant ad solum conventum. Nos vero pro nobis et successoribus nostris prescriptum articulum, et cetera dicte compositionis articula rata habentes, si contra ea vel aliquid eorum per aliquos de nostris quibuscumque de facto fuerit attemptatum, id volumus non tenere. Et quatenus in aliquo premissorum dicti capituli vacantis, seu prioris et eorum possessio lesa fuerit vel turbata, ipsam eis restauramus pacificam et quietam; salvo tamen nobis et successoribus nostris de consensu capituli memorati, quod habeamus unicum peditem fervientem sumptibus eorum de gratia largiendis in curia tantum dicti prioris Wygorn. dum vacaverit, ad explorandum solummodo ea, que nos contingere poterunt in premissis, cum hujus cause in predicta curia tanquam in capite primo debeant nunciari. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus huic scripto. Hiis testibus, domino Henrico abbate Cirencestre, domino Waltero de Langele, milite, domino Galfrido de Rindweya capellano et cancellario nostro, domino Nicholao de Wodeford seneschallo nostro, domino Jordano de Aldeswell rectore ecclesie de Wythindon, domino Waltero de Berton nostri hospitii seneschallo, magistris Galfrido de Cuthburle, et Waltero de Bathon, Thoma Passelewe, et aliis. Dat' pridie Nonas Decembris anno gratie M^o CC^o LXX. quarto (z).

49. *Confirmatio Gregorii pape super possessionibus episcopatus Wygorn.*

Gregorius episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri Wigorn. episcopo, ejusque successoribus canonice substituendis. In eminenti apostolice sedis specula, licet immeriti, disponente Domino, constituti, fratres nostros episcopos, tam propinquos, quam longe positos, fraterna debemus caritate diligere, et ecclesiis sibi à Deo commissis pastoralis sollicitudine providere; quocirca, venerabilis in Christo frater episcope, tuis justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et ecclesiam Dei genetricis et virginis MARIE Wigorn. cui auctore Deo preesse dinosceris, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus, et presentis scripti privilegio communimus; statuentes ut quasunque possessiones, quecunque bona eadem ecclesia in presentiarum juste ac canonice possidet, aut in futurum concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis

(z) Giff. f. 52.

modis, procurante Domino, poterit adipisci, firma tibi, tuisque successoribus, et illibata permaneant. In quibus hec propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis: Locum ipsum in quo prefata ecclesia sita est, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Jus patronatus ecclesie de Claverdon, de Nortwike juxta Wigorn. de Wike, de Kemeley, de Fladebyry, de Eston, de Hertlebyre, de Hambric juxta Wicum, de Alvithechirch, de Hamptona, de Stratford, de Blockele, de Tredinton, de Bredone, de Rippel, de Cliva, de Withindon, de Beyburis, et de Hembirie in Salso Marisco, maneria, villas, et grangias, quas habes in episcopatu Wygorn. de Stratford, et de Blockele nundinas, mercatum de Alvithchurch, domos et mansas, redditus, terras, homines, salinas, et molendina, que habes in civitatibus Wigorn. et London; in villis de Wychio, de Wenlande, de Blikele, et in aliis villis et parochiis predictis; nec non homagia baronum, militum, et omnium aliorum feudatariorum tuorum, et pertinentias eorundem, cum pratis, vineis, nemoribus, parcis, piscariis, pascuis, et usuagiis, in bosco et plano, in viis et semitis, in silvis, aquis, et molendinis, et omnibus aliis libertatibus et immunitatibus suis; ad hec cimiteria ecclesiarum; et ecclesiastica beneficia nullus hereditario jure possideat; quod si quis facere presumpserit, censura canonica compescatur. Preterea, quod communi consensu capituli tui vel partis consilii sanioris in tua diocesi, per te, vel successores tuos, fuerit canonice institutum, ratum et firmum volumus permanere. Prohibemus insuper, ne excommunicatos vel interdictos tuos ad officium vel communionem ecclesiasticam sine conscientia et consensu tuo quisquam admittat, aut contra sententiam tuam canonice promulgatam aliquis venire presumat, nisi forte periculum mortis immineat, aut dum presentiam tuam habere nequirat, per alium secundum formam ecclesie, satisfactione premissa, oporteat ligatum absolvi; sacrorum quoque canonum auctoritatem sequentes statuimus, ut nullus episcopus, vel archiepiscopus absque Wigorn. episcopi consensu, conventus celebrare, causas etiam vel ecclesiastica negotia in Wigorn. diocesi, nisi per Romanum pontificem, vel ejus legatum fuerit eidem injunctum, tractare presumat; nisi forsan metropolitanus ejus aliquid premissorum fecerit in casibus sibi à jure concessis; illam quoque abusivam consuetudinem vel potius abominabilem corruptelam, quam ballivi regis Wigornensi episcopo decedente bona mobilia episcopatus tanquam ad eundem regem jure successionis pertineant, rapiunt, et asportant, penitus abolemus, sub interminatione anathematis, prohibentes ne talia de cetero attemptentur. Decrevimus ergo, ut nulli omnino hominum liceat prefatam ecclesiam temere perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed omnia integra conserventur eorum, pro quorum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt, usibus omnimodis profutura, salva sedis apostolice auctoritate; si quis igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularive persona hanc nostre constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo, tertiove commonita, nisi reatum suum congrua satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui careat dignitate, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et à sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini Redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiet; atque in extremo examine districtè subiaceat

subjaceat ultioni. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus fit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi, quatinus et hic fructum bone actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem premia eterne pacis inveniant. Amen. Amen. Amen (a).

50. *Confirmatio Gregorii pape super decimas terris et possessionibus prioris et conventus Wigorn.*

Gregorius episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis priori et conventui Wigorn. ordinis sancti Benedicti, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Justis petentium desideriis dignum est nos facilem prebere consensum, et vota, que à rationis tramite non discordant, effectu prosequente complere. Ea propter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus inclinati, decimas, terras, possessiones, ac alia bona vestra, sicut ea omnia juste ac pacifice possidetis, vobis et monasterio vestro per vos, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre confirmationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Siquis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli, ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat' Viterbii iii. Kal. Maii pontificatus nostri anno undecimo. 1275. (b).

51. *Qualiter dominus episcopus G. admissus est tanquam frater in ordine fratrum Minorum.*

Venerabili in Christo patri domino G. Dei gratia, episcopo Wygorn. frater Jeronimus, ordinis fratrum Minorum generalis minister et servus, cum reverencia salutem, et pacem, que finis est et premium meritorum. Quamvis ex debito caritatis omnibus astringamur, illis tamen longe amplius noscimus obligari, quorum dilectionem sinceram certis indiciis frequentius experimur. Proinde devotionis vestre sinceritatem attendens, quam ad nostrum ordinem ob Dei reverentiam geritis, ut accepi, dignum putavi divineque acceptabile voluntati, ut ab ordine prerogativam sentiat salutarium gratiarum. Verum quia nudi temporalibus caritatis vestre beneficiis dignam respondere vicem temporaliter non valemus, piis ipsam spiritualium beneficiorum vicissitudinibus, prout in nostris apud Deum servamus desideriis, recompenfare spiritualiter affectamus. Ea propter ego, qui, licet indignus, curam fratrum habeo generalem, vos ad universa et nostre religionis iussufragia, tam in morte recipio, quam in vita, plenam vobis bonorum omnium participationem, tenore presentium concedendo, que per fratres nostros ubicunque

(a) Reg. 1. dec. et cap. Wig. f. Lix. Lx. (b) Ibid. f. Lx. b.

terrarum morentur, operari dignabitur clementia Salvatoris. Adjiciens vobis insuper de gratia speciali, ut cum Domino placuerit de miserie instantis exilio, vos ad patriam evocare, vesterque obitus, multo tempore annuente Domino differendus, nostro fuerit generali capitulo nuntiatus, idem pro vobis fiat officium, quod pro fratribus nostris defunctis, recitatis ibidem per totum ordinem annuatim fieri consuevit. Dat' Parisiis xvi. Kal. Decembris, anno Domini M^o CC^o Lxx^o vii^o. (c).

52. *Litera excusatoria veniendi London ad congregationem Prelatorum.*

SANCTO patri et domino reverendo domino J. Dei gratia, archiepiscopo Cant. totius Anglie primati, G. permissione divina Wygorn. ecclesie minister humilis, salutem et devotum obedientie spiritum cum reverentia debita tanto patri. Licet die tertia post instans festum Purificationis beate Marie virginis gloriose apud novum Templum, London. una cum ceteris vestris suffraganeis, pro negotio liberationis domini Almarici de Monteforti, secundum tenorem mandati apostolici divina favente clementia faciente, affectaremus plaudenti animo coram vobis presentiam personaliter exhibere: domino tamen nostro regi Anglie illustri, dum in nostra moratur diocesi, vacantis indies, et non nobis, vestre paternitatis sanctitatem requiramus reverenter, quatinus absentiam nostram hac vice, quoad diem et locum predictos, occasione premissa habere dignemini, si libeat, excusatam. Ad tractandum verumtamen super memorato negotio, vice nostra, et faciendum quo ad id quod vestra sanctitas de consilio prelatorum vestre provincie duxerit ordinandum, dilectos nobis in Christo magistros Garinum de Bosco, et Ricardum de Vienne, clericos nostros, conjunctim atque divisim facimus et constituimus procuratores, ratum et firmum pariter habetur. quicquid prefati magistri vel alter ex eis nostro nomine egerit quomodolibet in negotio supradicto. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum de nostri conscientia literis presentibus est appensum. Dat' apud Alvynechirche xii. Kal. Jan. anno Domini M^o CC^o Lxxx. primo.

(c) Giff. f. 72. (d) Ibid. f. 126. alias Cxxv.

53. *Petitiones impetrande in Romana curia contra archiepiscopum Cant.*

SIgn. sanctitati vestre Godefridus, Dei gratia, episcopus Wigorn. quod licet predecessores sui, à tempore cujus memoria non existit, ac ipsemet pro sui regiminis tempore, huc usque fuerint in possessione, vel quasi habendi omnem omnino cognitionem causarum inter suos subditos religiosos pariter et seculares quoscumque, absque attemptatione quarumlibet personarum, nec non corrigendi emendandive crimina, seu delicta infra suam diocesim commissa, quomodolibet per quoscumque que jure ordinarie potestatis per judicem ecclesiasticum possent congrue terminari, ac testamentorum quorumlibet decedentium in sua diocesi probationem et executorum testamentorum hujusmodi ratiocinia, similiter audiendi admittendique appellationes ad eum interpositas à suis subditis quibuscumque sub eo jurisdictionem habentibus, super istis etiam ac aliis ex his proficiscentibus cognoscendi, hacque possessione, vel quasi plene, pacifice, et inconcussa hactenus usi fuerint et gavisi: negligentie et appellationis casibus, si qui forsan fuerint. minime omisso medio, duntaxat exceptis. Archiepiscopus tamen Cant. non sua quoad diocesim Cantuariensem jurisdictione, vel officio, quod ei incumbit ratione visitationis, aliove jure sibi tanquam priori, ut premittitur, competente, contentus: omnimodam jurisdictionem premissam ad simplices subditorum dicte dioc. Wigorn. querelas indistincte non solum rescribendo, sed causas hujus extra ipsam diocesim personis multotiens doctrinam juris, vel facti, per exercitium experientiam non habentibus, committendo. Testamentorum etiam probationem admittendo de facto; ac executores pro libito, ut super administratione sua reddant coram eo, vel suis commissariis suo nomine rationem, similiter compellendo; recipiendo appellationes quascumque, à subditis episcopi memorati ad eum interpositas, ipso loci diocesano medio pretermisso, contra sanctiones canonicas sibi nititur usurpare, in ipsius episcopi et subditorum suorum prejudicium non modicum, dampnum pariter et gravamen, ac sue jurisdictionis et juris ecclesie Wigorn. elusionem, premissaque possessionis, vel quasi perturbationem similiter manifestam. Et quod presertim detestabile reputatur, criminosos in criminibus notoriis quantumcumque enormibus, rectores etiam ecclesiarum, in casu, quo ipso jure suis beneficiis sunt privati, cum infra annum à tempore receptionis eorum in sacerdotes se non fecerint promoveri, etiam licet hoc publicum et notorium habeatur, appellantes admittit; et pro consuetudine sue curie, que corruptela potius dici debet, probatione appellationis hujus summarie procedente, appellantes ipsos non absque sui et illorum periculo, ut scandalo plurimorum sub tuitionis nomine, in suis maliciis et erroribus protegit et defendit, adeo ut, quoad eos debita correctio effectum optinere nequeat; suisque beneficiis sic privati, contra Concilii Lugdunensis tenorem de facto non absque gravi periculo animarum in sui regimine sic confecto, dampnabiliter confoventur. Unde petit episcopus memoratus quoad ea que jurisdictionem suam contingere dinoscuntur, sibi, sui, et ecclesie sue predictae nomine, contra memoratum archiepiscopum, et sui impugnationes seu presumptiones dissonas omni juri, auctoritate sacrosancte sedis apostolice, ad
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quam tanquam ad matrem est in necessitatibus recurrendum, salubre remedium adhiberi, et quo ad alia videlicet que in tuitionem in notoriis criminibus, et rectoribus ecclesiasticis beneficiis sic privatis modo predicto concedit eidem per eam impendi consilium oportunum.

G. Wigornensis dilecto filio magistro R. de Wychio, eandem quam sibi salutem et habundantiam gratie cum sincera dilectione. Mittimus vobis petitiones nostras, quas affectamus per summum pontificem, vestra mediante industria, ad exauditionis gratiam admitti, eosdem iudices eligentes, quos eligit dominus vester et noster Herford. Si tamen per viam consultationis expediri possimus, longe magis vellemus; et quia ea, que vobis commisimus et committimus expedienda, executioni demandari non possunt sine magnis sumptibus et labore, laborem vestrum huiusmodi nostre remunerationi secure committatis, sumptibus autem nostris non parcentes, sed nobis remandetis quod debetur, et nos, cui vultis societati Mercatorum Londinensium ad mandatum vestrum satisfaciemus ad plenum, &c. Crescat prudentia et diligentia vestra in Domino. Dat' apud Ichull v. Non. Maii anno Domini M^o CC^o octogesimo secundo (e).

54. *Appellatio contra archiepiscopum Cant. per episcopum Wygorn.*

IN Dei nomine, Amen. Cum nuper venerabilis pater dominus Johannes, Dei gratia, Cant. archiepiscopus, totius Anglie primas, Godefridum, permissione divina, Wigorn. episcopum, multipliciter gravaverit, fatigaverit, et molestaverit, nunc subditos suos ad examen suum trahendo in casu à jure non concessio, nunc crimen Simonie falso et malitiose sibi impingendo, nunc inobedientiam et reatum perjurii eidem imponendo, alias gravis et injuriosus existendo eidem. Ex hiis et aliis criminationibus ac verisimilibus conjecturis, Ego, Johannes de Staneweya, presbyter, procurator patris predicti, metuens eidem domino meo per dictum archiepiscopum, vel suos futurum posse prejudicium generari, ne idem archiepiscopus per se, vel suos, contra dictum dominum meum, seu in ejus prejudicium, hac occasione quicquam faciat, statuatur, vel attemptet suspendendo, excommunicando, interdicendo, seu alias gravando, sedem apostolicam in hiis scriptis provoeco et appello; supponens me, et statum dicti domini mei, et suorum, tam clericorum quam laicorum, sibi quocunque titulo adherentium jurisdictioni et defensionem et protectionem sedis predictae. “ Hec provocatio facta fuit apud “ Hampton v. Kal. Febr. M^o CC^o octogesimo tertio, hora prima, in capella “ episcopi, in presentia magistrorum S. de Balenden et W. Pikerell, do- “ minorum, G. rectoris ecclesie de Kemesey, Ade perpetui vicarii de Ham-

(e) Giff. f. Cxxxiv. b, et Cxxxv.

“bure in Salfo Marisco, N. rectoris ecclesie Omnium sanctorum Wigorn. et
“Henrico de Lich tabellione (f).

55. *De modo certificandi capitulum Wygorn. super reformatione pacis inter archiepiscopum Cant. et episcopum Wygorn.*

G &c. dilectis in Christo filiis priori et capitulo nostre ecclesie cathedralis civitatis ejusdem, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem, cum mutue dilectionis et caritatis augmento. Attendentes profecto nostre quietis pretextu vestros posse multipliciter applausus foveri, vobis tenore presentium intimamus, quod omnis dissentionis articulus, dominum archiepiscopum Cantuariensem et nos nuper undecunque contingens, absque nostri et ecclesie nostre prejudicio, nunc vel alias in futurum, in nostri adventu ibidem, premissis colloquiis mutuis et amplexibus, diffugio ac difficultate postpositis, feliciter extitit expeditus, et firmatur denuo absque gravedinis et laboris materia, pristine dilectionis indicium federe firmiori. Semper valeatis in Domino et Virgine gloriosa. Dat' apud Ichull xiii. Kal. April. (g).

56. *Litera missa archiepisco Cant. per episcopum Wigorn.*

Sancto patri et domino reverendo domino Johanni, Dei gratia, Cant. archiepiscopo, totius Anglie primati, G. &c. salutem, et se ad vota devotum, cum reverentia debita tanto patri sedatis jam discordiis, que inter nos nuper per quorundam facta, absque culpa nostri novit Altissimus, habebantur, solito vehementius ducimur in applausum. Et licet fedus pacis inite indissolubile reputemus; nos tamen post nostri recessum à vobis varias recepimus epistolas à diversis, è quibus aliqui de modo tranquillitatis requirunt; et quidem dissentionis. Scintillam adhuc ex parte vestra superesse designant; pacem hujusmodi undique non habentes pro firma. Ob quod, ut lingue sic dicentium notorie veritatis indicio compescantur, vota vestra quoad hoc vestris velitis apicibus sub vere lucis radio designare, ut quod in mente geritur, utrobique elucescat patenter, et hiis exhibitis, si vestra sanctitas hoc affectet, gravaminis futuri presumptio, que sub velamine forsan haberi posset, una cum obloquentium opinione fallibili, radicitus extirpetur. Vestra sancta paternitas in Christo valeat et floreat diutius cum honore. Dat' apud Ichull iiii^o Id. Marcii.

(f) Ibid. f. CCii. (g) Ibid. f. CCiii. 6.

Alia eidem directa.

Mittimus sancte paternitati vestre stolam et annulum; et cum ad partes nostras declinaveritis, adducemus vitulum faginatum, quia pater noster, quem aliqui hujusmodi in filium, et etiam quoad nos reputavimus mortuum, revixit, perierat et inventus est. Et utinam in mutue dilectionis vinculo ita constringamur de cetero, ut de nobis in visceribus caritatis uniti sine medio, visus hominum, ecce duo, dicere non presumat. Dat' ut supra (b).

57. *Responsio archiepiscopi.*

Venerabili in Christo fratri domino G. Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopo, frater J. permissione divina sacerdos Cant. salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Testem invocamus gloriosum Christi confessorem Wulstanum, cujus aliquam devotam memoriam recensemus, qui est noster conficius in excelsis, quod benevolentiam animi vestri ingenti desiderio affectamus. Nimis enim essemus coram Deo et hominibus infelices, si qui ab adolescentia nostra honori cupivimus vivere Christi Domini toto corde, jam vellemus tempore senectutis, in qua, licet in carne ambulamus, non secundum carnem, ut nostra patitur fragilitas, ambulamus, in corde et cordis anfractuosis gressibus ambulare. In isto igitur fidelitatis spiritu quam tenemus, vobis innocentiam et sanctam amicitiam promittimus ad personam vestram nos veraciter servaturos, quantumcumque poterimus justitia inoffensa, ad cujus injuriam vestrum non credimus animum inclinari. Nullum igitur vobis suscitent suspicionis affectum epistole quorumcumque, quia illam quam soli novimus, vobis cordis nostri scribimus veritatem. Memorialia autem vestra nunc et pluries recepimus caritatis, filium vero nos vestrum olim fuisse fatemur, proculdubio et adhuc ex affectu filium remanere, qui nisi nos superioris urgeret auctoritas, et necessitas aliena, libentius Deo teste essemus vestre capelle clientulus quam sedis Britannice prime primas; metaphoram autem perditii filii, nonnobis credimus convenire, quia in retroactis processibus juxta directorum consilium callem justitie tenuimus juxta gratiam nobis datam, nec consortia cum ipso secuti fuimus inhonesta. Stolam tamen nostris portabimus in humeris, rogantes obnixius ne unquam eam nos deponere compellatis, cujus rei ministerium vobis portitor presentium intimabit. Valete in Christo Jesu et Virgine gloriosa. Dat' apud Octoford Idus Marcii anno vi^o (i).

(b) Ibid. CCiiii. b. (i) Ibid. et CCv. a.

58. *Litera magistri Job. de Butterleye pro ecclesia de Clyve, et aliis expensis curie Romane.*

SAncto ac venerando in Christo patri domino suo domino G. Dei gratia Wygorn. episcopo, suus ubique devotus Johannes de Butterleye debitum famulatum cum omni reverentia pariter et honore. Die Veneris proxima post festum Nativitatis beate Marie ad curiam Romanam Tibure tunc existentem accessi, et literas vestras domino.... Cardinali Anglico, ac magistro Berard de Niapol. directas presentavi eisdem, qui eas reverenter admiserunt, promittentes se ea, que in eis continebantur, pro viribus procurare. De magistro Berardo de Niapol. responsum habui, quod petitionem super ecclesia de Clyve domino Pape nuper legit, et quod eam concesserat, ut credit. Sed quia non erat quis, qui expeditionem ipsius tunc prosequeretur, idem dominus Berrard nec petitionem hujusmodi, nec responsum domini pape ad eam potuit invenire; asseruit etiam, quod dominus papa de hujus concessione nullatenus recordatur, sed promisit se promoturum petitionem, quam sibi dedi super hujus facto tempore oportuno. Ceterum literas vestras una cum literis Mercatorum de recipiendis centum et quinque libris, et cum quibusdam vestris petitionibus, non per puerum vestrum, qui apud Malynes, ut dicebatur, infirmus remansit; sed per quendam alium recepi iii. die Octobris affectione devota; et quia in ipsis literis mihi precepistis, ut vobis rescriberem quanta pecunia ad expedienda vestra negotia indigerem, et etiam que petitiones crederem expediri posse, ex infraSCRIPTIS elicere poteritis, ut estimo, veritatem. Procurato mihi ingressu ad papam hora valde congrua, causas propter quas sedes episcopalis Wygorn. ere alieno oneratur, tam de mortalitate pecorum, sterilitate agrorum de concursu exercituum, &c. quam de reparatione maneriorum, et alias, sibi exposui seriatim viva voce, petens ut hujus expressionibus misericorditer subveniret, ac demum lecta eidem petitione super ecclesia de Clyve, et intellecta, dixit se nolle deliberare super ea. Postea vero, magister Berard de Niapol. et ego considerato, quod hujusmodi deliberato remedio indigebat, tractavimus cum magistro Berard, ipsius domini pape secretario, eidem ducentas libras sterlingorum camere domini pape solvendas promittentes, priusquam nos voluit exaudire, solvendas postquam dicta petitio feliciter fuerit expedita; et eidem promissimus quadraginta marcas pro suo labore: unde ex sua promissione, qui talia potest, et sine quo nulla ardua expediuntur, ad presens firmam spem et certam habeo, quod illa petitio de Clyve, saltem ad vitam vestram, quam Deus conservet in prosperitate votiva, cum in alia forma spes non erat, et illa quod vos possitis auctoritate apostolica duabus personis ydoneis concedere officium tabellionatus, nec non illa quod tractatibus canonicorum ecclesie de Westbury in choro et capitulo poteritis interesse, per Dei gratiam expedientur ad votum, excepto de prebenda retinenda in eadem, de cujus expeditione dubito vehementer. Ista credo, posse expedire ad minus, si pecunia non defue-

rit in hac parte. Et certe licet dominus papa, quoad dispensationem super pluralitate beneficiorum dicatur graciosus, inauditum est, quod ipse unquam aliquam ecclesiam in proprios usus prius concesserat, preter unam. Dominum Berrard de Niapol. supradictum, qui circa istud negotium non cessat laborare, oportet refracere larga manu, ille enim circa facta nostra diligentiam adhibet juxta posse. De petitione contra non residentes, quam mihi misisti, nichil est adhuc actum; proponam illam tempore opportuno. Istas expensas facere oportet, preter alias, que minoribus officialibus dabuntur per quorum manus litere transibunt. Unde ad minus centum et sexaginta libras, immo omnimodo ducentas, si potestis, pet literas Mercatorum, si placet, celeriter destinetis. Ita quod ad tardius dicta pecunia sit ad me in curia infra tres septimanas post diem festi Nativitatis Domini. Persone enim supradicte credunt pro certo me pecuniam predictam in manibus habere promptam solvendam eisdem, quam cito dicta negotia fuerint expedita, et si contrarium, immineatur periculum non modicum negotiis vestris, et etiam mihi poterit imminere. Sciat vestra paternitas, quod per literas ipsorum, qui aliquam magnam summam pecunie vestre per me receperint, vel per libros Mercatorum, aut per manum publicam de solutione pecunie vestre, de quibus et quantum quis acceperit, constabit vobis evidenter. Consimiles literas vobis mitto per alium nuntium, ne forte istas casu fortuito perire contingat. Valeat et vigeat vestra paternitas prosperis incrementis. Dat' Rome xii. die S. Pr. 1286. Post confectionem presentium Johannes de Gledeseye, puer vester, ad me venit, quem mecum retinere intendo, quousque ipsa rei experientia se uno modo vel alio manifestet.

59. *Responsio episcopi.*

G &c. dilecto in Christo filio magistro J. de Butterleye, procuratori suo in curia Romana commoranti, salutem et gratiam in agendis cum dilectione sincera. In festo sancti Andree Apostoli, apud Wygorn. vestras recepimus literas tria precipue continentes; primum, videlicet, de ecclesia de Clyve, nostro duntaxat perpetuo in usus proprios obtinenda; de qua quidem gratia sic concessa temporaliter non curamus, cum honorem nostre ecclesie Wygorn. duraturum perpetim potius appetamus, quam proprium commodum temporale. Et licet petitio nostra vobis tradita in recessu, forsan fuerit sub disjunctione concepta, hoc tamen a nostro proposito seu conscientia non processit. Aliud fuit, quod tractatibus Canonico-rum ecclesie prebendalis de Westbury libere interesse possemus, super quo miramur, cum hoc auctoritate propria pro libito facere valeamus. Tertium existit de duobus tabellionibus de nostris clericis preficiendis, quod quasi frivolum reputamus. Ducentas autem libras argenti preter pecuniam vobis traditam pro prima petitione sub forma superius annotata, et pro duabus aliis petitionibus subsequenter, de quibus non multum curamus, effundere nolumus, nec credimus esse sanum. In recessu siquidem vestro verius cu-
riam,

riam, quasdam alias petitiones vobis tradi fecimus, alias etiam per quendam intervenientem nuncium transmisimus postmodum in eadem curia prosequendas, de quibus nullam fecistis in directis literis mentionem: ob quod easdem scribi fecimus iterato, vobis tradendas per presentem bajulum, si forte eedem essent oblivioni tradite, vel amisse. Affectantes itaque nostrum propositum feliciter ad finem optatum perducere, vobis mandamus quatinus si singulas petitiones nostras predictas, secundum earum substantiam et tenorem, nequiritis forsitan expedire, saltem quatuor ex eis, quas precipue ponderamus, et que nobis magis sunt cordi, primam scilicet, quoad ecclesiam de Clyve nobis et successoribus nostris in usus proprios perpetuis temporibus concedendam; secundam videlicet, quod concedatur nobis et nostris successoribus in perpetuum una prebenda in ecclesia de Westbury estimationis decem marcarum vel librarum; tertiam, quod omnes ecclesias, que de nostro patronatu existunt, nobis liceat in dicta ecclesia de Westbury facere prebendales; ac quartam, quod omnes fructus primi anni omnium ecclesiarum vacantium in nostra diocesi integraliter percipere valeamus, cum summa diligentia impetrare curetis; sumptibus attamen moderatis, quos summam illius pecunie vobis tradite in recessu, et per manus Mercatorum vobis postea numerate, secundum vestrorum procuratoriorum ac instrumentorum obligatoriorum, que vobis tradita fuerant, seu transmissa, excedere nolumus quoquomodo. Non enim intendimus occasione premissa tanto debitorum cumulo nos et nostram ecclesiam Wygorn. gravari ad presens, à quo non possumus de facili, ut videtur, pro nostrorum dierum spatio relevari. Quod si dicta curia in nostris petitionibus premissis, seu tribus duabusve earum, vel una illa, scilicet, que eadem appropriatione dicte ecclesie de Clyve, nobis et nostris successoribus perpetuo concedenda se non reddiderit gratiosam, ex tunc de ampliori pecunia refundenda per nos ad presens, ex premissis causis, spem nullatenus habeatis. Sed ad partes Anglicanas cum tota nostra pecunia, salvis expensis necessariis, et cum omnibus literis obligatoriis et procuratoriis, tam ex traditione nostra, quam transmissione facta per nuntium quodcumque obtentis, absque more dispendio celeriter redeatis. Optamus siquidem hac vice à nostro proposito, quo ad hec potius totaliter resilire, quam pro debitorum onere importabili nos et nostram ecclesiam Wygorn. sub exactionibus perpetuis non absque gravi periculo insolenter gravare. Ad hec admodum admiramur ex hoc, quod de hiis que vobis injunximus, quoad personam et factum magistri Ade de Fyleby adimplenda, videlicet de pecuniarum quantitatibus, quas idem in curia prefata dudum existens pro nostris negotiis nullatenus expeditis, per eum personis variis particulariter asserit se solvisse, super quibus cum omni cautele studio curetis à personis singulis veritatem inquirere singillatim. Et quia magister ille penes se detinet nostra instrumenta procuratoria et obligatoria minus iuste, ab eadem curia remedium impetretis, secundum formam, quam vestre discretionis arbitrium reputaverit competentem. Ut autem nos de promotione vestra, secundum quod promissimus fuisse et esse sollicitos attendatis, ecclesiam de Badmynton xl. marcas valentem, ut dicitur, que nuper vacavit, et cujus collatio ad nos per lapsum temporis extitit,

exitit devoluta, vobis contulimus intuitu caritatis; capellanium vestrum de Seggesberwe in possessionem dicte ecclesie corporalem vestro nomine facientes induci (k).

60. *Bulla appropriationis ecclesie de Clyve ad vitam episcopi Wygorn.*

Honorius episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri, G. episcopo Wygorn. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Petitio tua nobis exhibita continebat, quod sedes episcopalis Wygorn. adeo gravatur debitorum onere sub usuris à tuis predecessoribus contractorum, et occasione guerre Wallie, cui sedes eadem vicinatur, aliasque faciente malitia temporis, sic sunt ipsius sedis redditus diminuti, quod ad opportunos sumptus, tueque familie competentis, et sustentationem edificiorum sedis ejusdem, que minantur pro majori parte ruinam, nequicquam sufficiant; sed nisi dicte sedi per apostolice provisionis clementiam succurratur, verendum est, ne non solum ruine dictorum edificiorum irreparabile detrimentum incurrat, sed et substantie sue residuum vorago absorbeat usurarum. Quare ut per dictorum satisfactionem aliquam, debitorum gravamini currentium usurarum occurrere valens, et saltem sustentationi predictorum edificiorum quoquomodo succurrere humiliter supplicasti, ut misericorditer sedi compatientes eidem, quod ecclesiam de Clyve curam animarum habentem tue dioc. in qua jus optines patronatus; seu fructus, redditus, et obventiones ipsius, ejus cedente vel decedente rectore, imperpetuum, vel saltem ad vitam tuam, episcopalis mense Wygorn. usibus deputare de benignitate apostolica dignaremur. Nos itaque attendentes, quod in premissis non tam persone tue utilitatibus inhias, quam ecclesie tibi commisse commodis, prout decet sollicitudinem officii pastoralis, intendis: tuis supplicationibus inclinati, fraternitati tuæ presentium auctoritate concedimus, ut veris existentibus supradictis, ecclesie de Clyve prefate cedente vel decedente rectore, ipsius fructus, obventiones, et redditus, reservata de ipsis ydoneo vicario, quem ad curam ejusdem ecclesie sueque parochie interim instituas, congrua portione, ac proviso quod nequicquam propter hoc ipsius ecclesie de Clyve consuetum servitium minuat, usibus predictæ sedis valeas, quoad vixeris, deputare. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Siquis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum. Dat' Rome apud sanctam Sabinam iiii. Non. Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

(k) Giff. f. 263. a. et b.

In alio Manuf.

Memorandum, quod istam bullam impetravit magister Johannes de Butterleye pro ccl. marcis sterlingorum, et habuit eam duplicatam, quarum unam habet, de precepto domini nostri episcopi, magister Thomas de Stoke, noster officialis, ut eam in curia Romana in melius permutaret. Aliam vero bullam tradidit Johannes de Stane cuidam armigero Bartholomeo de Thovengo, procuratori rectoris ecclesie de Ethrope, ut ipse illam in curia permutaret, et procuraret illam assignari mense episcopi Wygorn. in perpetuum, videlicet, apud Weston sub Egge xi. Kal. Oct. anno nostre consecrationis xxiii^o. (1).

61. *Nova ordinatio super cantaria Carnarie Wygorn.*

OMnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis G. permissione divina minister ecclesie Wygorn. salutem in Domino sempiternam.

Humanitus resolutis in Christo, eidem Mediatori Dei et hominum, profunt oblata sacrificia sacerdotum, maxime cum in vita meruerunt, superstitum postea talibus beneficiis adjuvari. Quamobrem in capella juxta nostram conventualem et cathedralem ecclesiam, quinque presbyteri statuuntur exorantes et immolantes cotidie pro defunctis, cum bonis quibusdam et possessionibus, ac decem libris argenti annuatim percipiendis, de manerio de Hembure in Salso Marisco, sibi pro victualibus assignatis. Verum ipsius manerii, sed et episcopatus proventus, in diminutionem ex variis causis et inopinatis et novis, ac impensas tam necessarias, quam inevitabiles, in augmentum indies tendere novimus et sentimus, nec conjectura probabili restat de hiis spes melior in futurum, propter quod prospiciendo ecclesie et successoribus nostris, quantum, Deo auctore, possumus, providendoque, ut pro deficientibus supradicta dispositio tam salubris perpetuis temporibus valitura procedat, et presbyteri memorati ab aliis non requirant; sed apud se habeant unde congrue sustententur, nec ipsos occasione dicte pecunie ex incuria non solute, ut fieri assolet, a statutis servitiis vacare contingant: ecclesiam sancte Helene civitatis Wygorn. nunc vacantem, nostri patronatus, illis appropriamus, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, in usus suos in perpetuum convertendam. Ordinantes insuper et statuentes, quod ad augmentum cultus divini sex sint presbyteri, et ex iis sit magister Servicii defunctorum, qui in capella predicta et domo sua, in qua volumus omnes vivere communiter, sub uno tecto dormire, et ad refectionem dormitionemque horis competentibus convenire; suos socios, in capis nigris et supelliciis, tam ad suum servitium accedendo, quam in eo commorando utentes, suis preceptis honestis parentes, benignos et pacificos amore fra-

(1) Giff. f. 342. alias cccxlii.

terno foveat in tranquillo, desides, negligentes, errantesque, debellesque, per censuram ecclesiasticam corripiat et compescat ; et preter correptionem hujus in rebellione contumaciter persistentes nobis denuntiat, ut eis per nos amotis quantocyus loco ipsorum alii subrogentur. Sit nichilominus prepositus Servicii defunctorum, cui domos rectoris ecclesie sancte Helene assignavi. Quique bona omnia et proventus ad prefatos magistrum et presbyteros spectantia colligat et percipiat, de quibus vicario perpetuo in ecclesia sancte Helene centum solidos, magistro eidem centum solidos pro se et clerico, et presbyteris reliquis viginti et quinque marcas exsolvat nomine victualium, in festis beati Michaelis, Nativitatis, Pasche, et Nativitatis Johannis Baptiste, pro equalibus porcionibus ; sed magister decem et septem marcas de summa viginti et quinque marcarum predicta habeat, et suos focios in esculentis et poculentis procuret ydonee, ac singuli singulariter iidem focii viginti solidos à preposito recipiant, nomine Calciarii et Vestiarii, terminis supradictis. Qui quidem prepositus capellam luminaribus, ornamentis, libris, et omnibus necessariis, exhibeat sufficienter instructam, et tam capellam quam alia presbyterorum edificia construat, reparet, et conservet, in usum suum licite percipiens et convertens, hiis absque diminutione vel mora aliqua convenienter expletis, si quid provenituum cure sue senserit superesse. —

Magister igitur, sicut ad eum pertinet, ut premittitur, et prepositus Servicii defunctorum, in his causarum negotiorumque communis presbyterorum cum discretione et summa diligentia gerant curam, ut in die Messonis extreme eternam metentes mercedem premia condigna pro meritis consequantur. Datum et actum apud Bredon iii. Id. April. an. Domini MCC. octogesimo septimo (m).

(m) Giff. f. 268.

In alio loco sic invenitur :

IN nomine individue Trinitatis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, predecessorum nostrorum vestigiis inherentes ecclesiam sancte Helene in civitate Wygorn. et ecclesiam de Newentone in Coteswolde, nunc vacantes, nostri patronatus, illis appropriamus, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, in usus suos in perpetuum convertendas. Statuentes, quod in augmentum cultus divini, sex sint presbyteri, et unus ex eis sit magister Servicii defunctorum, qui in capella predicta et domo sua, in qua volumus omnes vivere communiter, sub uno tecto dormire, et ad refectorem dormitionemque horis competentibus convenire, socios suos in capis nigris et suppelliciis tam ad ad suum servitium accedendo, quam in eo commorando utentes, suis preceptis honestis parentes, benignos et pacificos amore fraterno foveat in tranquillo, desides, negligentes, errantes, rebellesque per censuram ecclesiasticam corripiat et compescat, et post correptionem hujus in rebellionem contumaciter persistentes nobis denuntiat, ut eis per nos amotis, quamtocius loco ipsorum alii idonei subrogentur. Omnes etiam totum diei cujuslibet officium, ac beate Virginis ex ordine, et mortuorum servitium ex integro more, temporibusque debitis, similiter distincte per omnia compleant et devote uno missam de die, altero de beata Virgine, et reliquis pro defunctis celebrantibus cotidie, Pasche et Nativitatis Domini diebus exceptis, ac unam orationem specialem, expresso nostro nomine, pro nobis et successoribus nostris priore et nostro capitulo degentibus, aliam pro nobis expresso similiter nostro nomine, et pro omnibus predecessoribus nostris et successoribus, prioribus et fratribus nostri capituli mortuis, in missis singulis dicentibus imperpetuum. Idemque magister bona omnia et proventus ad prefatos magistrum et presbyteros spectantia colligat et percipiat. De quibus vicario perpetuo in ecclesia sancte Helene centum solidos, necnon et vicario perpetuo de Newentone centum solidos cum domibus competentibus assignatis, in festis beati Michaelis, Nativitatis Domini, Pasche, et Nativitatis beati Johannis Baptiste ad suam ydoneam sustentationem exsolvat pro equalibus porcionibus, et socios suos in esculentis et poculentis procuret ydonee, ac singuli singulariter iidem focii viginti et duos solidos dicto magistro recipiant, nomine Calciarii et Vestiarii, terminis supradictis. Capellam insuper luminaribus, ornamentis, libris, et omnibus necessariis esse faciat et conservet sufficienter instructam: et tam capellam, quam alia sua et presbyterorum edificia conservet ac reparet, et clericum capelle continue deservientem exhibeat, et agnoscat in solidum, omnia onera ordinaria et extraordinaria, in usum suum licite percipiens et convertens, hiis absque diminutione vel mora aliqua convenienter expletis; siquid proventum cure sue tenuerit superesse. Magister igitur, sicut ad eum pertinet, ut premittitur, in hiis causarum negotiorumque omnium communis presbyterorum cum discretionem et summa diligentia curam gerat, ut in die Messonis extreme eternam

nam metens mercedem premia condigna pro meritis consequetur. Dat' et act' apud Alvynechirche v^o. Id. Decembris anno Domini M^o. CC^o. LXXX^o. vii^o. nostre vero consecrationis xx^o. (n).

Memorandum, quod dominus Hugo de Walyngford, capellanus et custos, nunc per istam literam deputatus, in Carnarie magistrum comparuit coram domino G. Wygorn. episcopo, apud Alvechirche, tempore receptionis ordinationis ipsius, se expresse nolle amplius exigere seu vindicare illas x. libras, quas de manerio episcopi in Salfo Marisco et literas episcoporum Wygorn. antiquitus sibi nomine hujus perceptionis concessas restituere, quam cito ista capellanis Wygorn. vel alio modo legitimo fuerit confirmata (o).

62. *Reformatio pacis inter episcopum et conventum Wigorn.*

PAteat universis, quod nos G. Dei gratia, episcopus Wigorn. karissimos nostros in Christo priorem et conventum nostrum Wigorn. quoad omnia sua spiritualia, seu ordinem tangencia, in eo statu, in quo fuerunt die Veneris post festum Exaltationis Crucis, anno Domini MCCLXXX. octavo, et quoad omnia per materiam discordie orta, à die predicto usque ad consecrationem presentium, inter nos ex parte una, et ipsos ex altera, in pace dimittimus. Salva compositione inter bone memorie Willelmum de Bleys, predecessorem nostrum, et eos habita, per omnia et singula de cetero modo consueto, temporibus predecessorum nostrorum et nostro hinc inde servando. De amerciamenis vero hominum et tenentium dictorum prioris et conventus in manerio suo de Alweston in hundredo de Pathelowe et Gilput amerciatorum nichil in posterum exigemus, sicut nec eo nomine quicquam recepimus usque modo. In hiis et predictis successorum nostrorum in omnibus salvo jure. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' Wygorn. xv. Kal. Febr. anno Domini MCCLXXXVIII.

Memorandum, quod predicti religiosi prior et conventus Wygorn. dederunt episcopo, pro bono pacis, viginti marcas sterlingorum, et preter hoc, eidem episcopo obligantur in quadraginta marcis solvend. pro equalibus portionibus, in festis Annuntiationis Dominice, et Nativitatis Johannis Baptiste, anno Domini supradicto (p).

(n) Giff. f. 342. alias CCXLIII. (o) Ibid. (p) Ibid. 298. alias CCXCIX.

63. *Processus habitus inter episcopum Wygorn. et suum capitulum, anno vicesimo secundo pontificatus ipsius episcopi.*

Bulla Pape Nicholai.

Nicholaus episcopus, &c. dilectis filiis Radinge et de Wyggemore monast. abbatibus Sarr. et Hereford. dioceseon, &c. ac . . . precentori ecclesie Wellensis, salutem, &c. Sua nobis dilecti filii . . . prior et capitulum ecclesie Wyg. ordinis sancti Benedicti petitione monstrarunt, quod licet ad eos in ecclesiis Wygorn. civitatis et dioceseos jus examinandi electiones, conservandi electos, instituendi et destituendi rectores, sede Wygorn. vacante, pertineat, et in possessionem vel quasi exercendi predicta sint et fuerint, à tempore cujus memoria non existit: tamen venerabilis frater noster . . . episcopus Wygorn. de Kemese, de Bredon, de Wythindon, de Clyve, et de Weston super Avena, ecclesias predictæ dioceseos, que immediate ipsi Wygorn. ecclesie subjacent, et in quibus jura hujus competunt . . . priori et capitulo memoratis, ecclesie de Westbury ejusdem dioceseos contra voluntatem ipsorum, ut ipsius cum eorum jactura redditus augmentaret, duxit contra justitiam conferendas, constituens eas prefate ecclesie de Westbure pro sue voluntatis libito prebendales, ac eas pro prebendis magistro Johanni de Ebroycis, Waltero de Berton, Radulfo de Vasto Prato, et Johanni de Stane-weye, clericis et familiaribus suis, tunc earundem ecclesiarum rectoribus, quos in eadem ecclesia de Westbury canonicos novos instituit, ipsius ecclesie de Westbury canonicorum augendo numerum, assignavit. Et sic tandem eedem ecclesie non immediate, prout debent, ecclesie Wygorn. predictæ subjaceant, sed dicte ecclesie de Westbury, cui eas contulit, mediate, ac per consequens priori et capitulo memoratis, jus instituendi et destituendi rectores, quod, ut predictur, in eisdem sede Wygorn. vacante obtinent, subtrahatur. Quas quidem ecclesias prefati familiares ipsius episcopi, per eundem episcopum in dicta ecclesia de Westbury canonici taliter instituti, non tanquam earum rectores, sed eas tanquam sibi prebendales, et pro prebendalibus assignatas, pretextu collationis et assignationis hujus occuparunt, et detinent occupatas, in animarum suarum periculum, ipsorumque prioris et capituli, ac prefate Wygorn. ecclesie prejudicium non modicum et gravamen. Quare pro parte prioris et capituli predictorum fuit nobis humiliter supplicatum, ut cum ex predictis, eis et prefate Wygorn. ecclesie non modicum immineat detrimentum, providere sibi super hoc paterna sollicitudine curaremus. Quocirca discretionis vestre per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus vocatis, qui fuerint evocandi, &c. facientes, &c. Testes autem, &c. quod si non omnes, &c. Dat' Rom. apud sanctam Mariam majorem xv^o. Kal. Maii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Ista Bulla predicta missa fuit episcopo Wygorn. sub sigillo auditoris curie Romane, per magistrum Johannem Blondel, procuratorem episcopi in eadem curia, antequam innotuerit capitulo Wygorn. Et quia non fuerit bullata, iudices noluerunt committere alicui vices suas pro parte episcopi, sed promiserunt hoc se facturos, cum rescriptum autenticum videretur; et interim alias nullo modo. Postea vero missa fuit episcopo talis Bulla cum plumbo, quasi super eodem negotio ad alios iudices, sub hac forma:

Nicholaus episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri episcopo London. et abbati monasterii Radinge Sarum dioc. ac magistro Gyffredo de Veterano, camere nostre clerico canonico Cameracensi in Anglia commoranti, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Sua nobis dilecti filii prior et capitulum ecclesie Wygorn. ordinis sancti Benedicti petitione monstrarunt, quod venerabilis frater noster episcopus Wygorn. de Kemesey, de Bredone, de Clyva, de Wythindon, de Weston super Avenam, et de Bodebroke, ecclesias Wygorn. dioc. que immediate ipsi Wygorn. ecclesie subjacent, de Westbury et de Warrewyke, pro sue voluntatis libito prebendales, ac eas pro prebendis magistro Johanni de Ebroye. Waltero de Berton, Radulfo de Vasto Prato, Johanni de Staneweye, et Petro de Leycestre, clericis, et familiaribus suis, tunc earundem ecclesiarum rectoribus, ipsarum de Westbury et de Warrewyke ecclesiarum canonicorum augendo numerum, assignavit. Quas quidem ecclesias predicti familiares ipsius episcopi per eundem episcopum in eisdem de Westbury et de Warrewyke ecclesiis canonici noviter instituti, non tanquam earum rectores, sed eas tanquam sibi prebendales, et pro prebendalibus assignatas, pretextu collationis et assignationis hujus occuparunt, et detinent occupatas, in animarum suarum periculum, ipsorumque prioris et capituli prefate Wygorn. ecclesie prejudicium non modicum et gravamen. Quare pro parte prioris et capituli predictorum fuit nobis humiliter supplicatum, ut cum ex predictis, eis et prefate Wygorn. ecclesie non modicum immineat detrimentum, providere sibi super hoc paterna sollicitudine curaremus. Quocirca discretionis vestre de utriusque partis procur. assensu, per Apostolica Scripta mandamus, quatinus vocatis apud Radinge, qui fuerint evocandi, et auditis hinc inde propositis, quod canonicum fuerit appellatione postposita decernas. Facientes, quod decreveritis auctoritate nostra, firmiter observari. Testes autem, qui fuerint nominati, si se gratia, odio, vel timore subtraxerint, per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione cessante, cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere. Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis potueritis interesse, duo vestrorum ea nichilominus exequantur. Dat' Reate Kal. Junii pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Qua quidem Bulla recepta, dominus episcopus Wygorn. in exequendo eam prevenit suos adversarios, sic quod obtinuit duas commissiones à domino Londonensi episcopo, et abbate Radinge iudicibus delegatis, archidiacono Barkshire, et ejus officiali directas, magistro Gyffredo de Veterano committere seu citare tunc temporis recusante, super quo habet idem episcopus pupplicum instrumentum, quarum commissionum tenor talis est :

.... **E**piscopus London. iudex à fede Apostolica delegatus, discreto viro archidiacono Barkshire, Sarum dioceseos, salutem et gratiam Salvatoris. In causa, seu negotio, que vel quod inter religiosos viros priorem et capitulum ecclesie Wygorn. ex parte una, et venerabilem patrem dominum Wygorn. episcopum, pretextu de Kemesey, Bredone, Clyva, Withindon, Weston super Avenam, et Bodebroke ecclesiarum, quas, ut suggeritur, idem episcopus Wygorn. ecclesiis de Westbury et de Warr. contulit et assignavit inibi prebendales, ac alios, quos hujusmodi negotium seu causa contigit, vertitur vel verti speratur auctoritate Apostolica, ex altera ; vobis committimus vices nostras. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Dat' apud Crundene Kal. Septembris, anno Domini M°. CC°. LXXX. nono.

Abbas Radynge, iudex à sancto summo pontifice delegatus, discretis viris archidiacono Barkshire, Sarum dioceseos, et officiali suo, salutem in eo qui est omnium vera falus. In causa, seu negotio, &c. ut supra. Dat' apud

Et quia dictus archidiaconus Barkshire asseruit, se non posse admittere commissiones predictas propter studium, episcopus Wygorn. misit episcopo Londinensi abbati Radynge, et magistro Gyffredo de Veterano, iudicibus suis, Henricum tabellionem suum, ut ipsi committerent, audita recusatione dicti archidiaconi Barkshire, domino archidiacono Oxon, magistris Waltero de Bathon. et Johanni Lovel clericis. Qui quidem episcopus London. respondebat expresse, se non posse tertium committere, quia scripsit patenter, se hoc fecisse magistro Petro de Pyriton clerico capituli Wygorn. suam commissionem petenti dictam scripturam liberando. Verumptamen abbas Radynge super eodem requisitus commisit vices suas de consensu clericorum predictorum archidiacono Oxon et decano monasterii de Evesham conjunctim et divisim, sic quod dictus magister Gyffredus permittens se cognoscere personaliter, una cum abbate Radynge, citavit partes ad quintum diem juridicum proximum post festum Omnium Sanctorum apud Radynge, ut comparerent, &c. Et quia videbatur quibusdam de consilio episcopi non sibi multum competere commissio hujus, missus erat magister Robertus de Wychio dicto archidiacono Barkshire, ut ipse auctoritate priorum commissionum perpetuaret rescriptum per aliquam saltem citationem. Tenor commissionis posterioris abbatis Radynge talis est :

Abbas

A Bbas Radynge, iudex à summo Pontifice delegatus, discretis viris dominis archidiacono Oxon. in ecclesia Lincoln. et decano monasterii Evesham, Wygorn. dioceseos, salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. In causa seu negotio domino London. episcopo, nobis, ac magistro Gyffredo de Veterano Camere domini pape clerico canonico Cameracensi à dicto summo pontifice commiss. que vel quod vertitur, seu verti speratur auctoritate Apostolica, inter religiosos viros priorem et capitulum ecclesie Wygorn. cathedralis ex parte una, et venerabilem patrem dominum Wygorn. episcopum, pretextu de Kemesey, de Bredon, de Clyva, de Wythindon, de Weston super Avenam, et de Bodebroke ecclesiarum, quas, ut suggeritur, idem episcopus Wygorn. ecclesiis de Westbury et de Warwike contulit, et constituens assignavit inibi prebendales, ac alios in rescripto Apostolico nominatos, nec non quoscumque hujus negotium sive causa contingit, ex altera. Vobis et utrique vestrorum conjunctim et divisim cum coercionis canonice potestate, commissione discretis viris . . . archidiacono Barkshire, et ejus . . . officiali, per nos facta, utpote re existente integra presentibus revocata, et certis ex causis cum jurisdictione nostra in hac parte reassumpta, de consensu partium committimus vices nostras. Ita quod, si non ambo hiis exequendis interfueritis, alter vestrorum ea nichilominus exequatur absentis presentia, aut etiam excusatione nullatenus expectata. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis appendi. Dat' Radynge in camera nostra xvi^o. Kal. Octobr. anno Domini M^o. CC^o. LXXX. nono.

Commissio episcopi London.

Memorandum, quod sub ista forma de verbo ad verbum, dominus London episcopus commisit vices suas predictis archidiacono Oxon. et decano de Evesham, hoc non obstante, quod prius priori Wygorn. scripserat, se non amplius posse committere, cum archidiacono Barkshire ad instantiam . . . episcopi Wygorn. commisit; quia idem archidiaconus Barkshire excusavit, se non posse cognoscere in illa causa variis prepeditus. Habitis ergo commissionibus supradictis à domino London. episcopo et abbate Radynge, talis fit executio sub hac forma:

Certificat

Certificatorium, in quo continentur citatio principalis et Bulle tenor.

Reverendis in Christo patribus ac dominis London. episcopo, abbati Radynge, ac venerabili viro magistro Giffredo de Veterano, camere domini pape clerico, canonico Cameracensi, iudicibus à sede Apostolica delegatis, officialis domini archidiaconi Wygorn. salutem in Domino cum reverentia et honore. Nuper die Martis proxima ante festum Apostolorum Simonis et Jude, anno Domini M^o. CC^o. LXXX^o IX^o. apud Wygorn. per dominum Nicholaum de Avebury, capellanum reverendi patris domini G. Wygorn. episcopi, rescriptum Apostolicum, et mandatum vestrum exequendum, in forma qua sequitur, recepi :

Episcopus London. abbas monasterii Radynge', et Giffredus de Veterano, camere domini pape clericus, canonicus Cameracensis, iudices sub certa forma à sede Apostolica delegati, discretis viris Oxon. Hereford. et Wygorn. archidiaconorum officialibus ac decano de Clifton et Bromyard, Hereford. dioc. salutem in salutis Auctore. Literas sanctissimi patris, et domini nostri N. pape iii. quas vobis mittimus solummodo intendas, recepimus in hec verba :

“ **N**icholaus episcopus, servus servorum Dei, &c. ut supra. Volentes igitur
 “ mandatum Apostolicum, ut tenemur, efficaciter adimplere, discretioni
 “ vestre in virtute obedientie, qua tenemini dicte sedi sub pena canonica precipi-
 “ endo districte mandamus, quatinus vos, seu vestrorum aliquis, ad quos vel
 “ quem presentes litere pervenerint, peremptorie citetis vel citet, ex parte
 “ nostra, immo verius Apostolica, reverendum patrem dominum Wygorn. e-
 “ piscopum, magistrum Johannem de Ebroyc. Walterum de Bertone, Radul-
 “ phum de Vasto Prato, Johannem de Stanweya, et Petrum de Leycestre, in
 “ predictis literis Apostolicis nominatos, ut quinta die juridica post festum
 “ Omnium Sanctorum compareant legitime per se, vel procuratores seu pro-
 “ curatorem ydoneum seu ydoneos, in ecclesia conventuali apud Radynge,
 “ coram nobis, vel commissario, seu commissariis nostris prefatis viris reli-
 “ giosis, priori et capitulo memoratis, secundum formam, vim, et effec-
 “ tum prescripti mandati Apostolici responsuros, facturos, et recepturos,
 “ quod iustitia suadebit, denuntiantes vel denuntians religiosis predic-
 “ tis, et aliis, quorum interest, publice et peremptorie, quod eisdem die et
 “ loco compareant similiter, si sibi viderint expedire ; diem autem citationis,
 “ et quid in premissis feceritis, nobis, vel nostro commissario seu commissa-
 “ riis, constare faciatis in forma premissa per vestras literas patente, harum fe-
 “ riem continentes. Dat' quantum ad nos abbatem Radynge apud Radynge, Id.
 “ Septembris, anno Domini M^o. CC^o. LXXX^o. nono. Dat' quantum ad nos
 “ Giffredum apud Waltham xvi. Kal. Octobris anno predicto. Dat' apud nos,
 “ R. miseratione divina, London. episcopum, xvii. Kal. Novembris anno Domi-
 “ ni predicto”.

Cujus auctoritate mandati vestrorum, mihi per predictum Nicolaum de Avebury predicti reverendi patris Wygorn. episcopi capellanum et familiarem, ut premittitur, exhibiti, volens mandatis Apostolicis et vestris, cum maturitate et festinatione, qua scivi et potui reverenter obedire, reverendum patrem dominum G. Wygorn. episcopum in ecclesia sua cathedrali Wygorn. et manerio suo ibidem, magistrum Johannem de Ebroyc. apud Kemesey, ubi larem foveat; Radulphum de Vasto Prato apud Wythindon, ubi larem foveat; Walterum de Berton apud Bredon, ubi larem foveat; dominum Johannem de Stanweye apud Weston super Avenam, ubi larem foveat; et dominum Petrum de Leycestre apud Bodebroc, ubi larem foveat, peremptorie per me et alios citavi, et citari feci, quod in ecclesia conventuali Radynges comparerent coram vobis, vel commissario seu commissariis vestris, per se, vel procuratorem seu procuratores, ydoneum seu ydoneos, quinta die juridica post festum Omnium Sanctorum, priori et capitulo Wygorn. ecclesie juxta formam, vim, et effectum mandati predicti, responsuros, facturos, et recepturos, quod justitia suadebit, publice et peremptorie dictis priori et capituli, et aliis, quorum interest, in prioratu et capitulo suo Wygorn. et aliis locis publicis denuntians, quod dictis die et loco comparerent similiter, si sibi viderint expedire, facturos et recepturos quod est justum. Sicque mandatum vestrum diebus Martis et Mercurii proximis ante dictum festum Apostolorum Simonis et Jude, in omnibus, et per omnia, quatinus potui et debui, reverenter et fideliter sum executus. Dat' apud Wychium in Vigilia dicti festi Apostolorum Simonis et Jude, anno Domini supradicto (q).

(q) Giff. f. 311, 312, 313.

64. *Litera archiepiscopi pro funere H. Poche.*

FRater Johannes, permissione divina, Cant. ecclesie minister humilis, totius Anglie primas, venerabili in Christo fratri domino Dei gratia Wygorn. episcopo, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Meminimus, nos alias vobis scripsisse et dixisse etiam ministerio vive vocis, quod injuriam factam pauperibus fratribus Wygorn. per monachos Wygorn. in forma debita corrigi faceretis, et quia certa relatione didicimus, nichil haecenus circa emendationem tante injurie efficaciter actum esse, fraternitatem vestram iterato rogo, moneo, et hortamur in Domino, vobis nichilominus districte et virtute obedientie precipiendo mandantes, quatinus funus Henrici Poch, civis Wygorn. qui inter fratres predictos, sicut sibi licitum fuerat, sepulturam elegit, exhumari faciatis, et fratribus predictis absque difficultate restitui, infra quindecim dies à tempore receptionis presentium computandos, ut juxta ultimam voluntatem defuncti, formamque et tenorem privilegii ordinis fratrum predictorum, in loco, quem sibi elegerat, tradatur ecclesiastice sepulture; alioquin nos, ex nunc causam ipsam tenore presentium, certis ex causis, ad nostrum revocantes examen, mandamus quatinus citatis peremptorie priorem et conventum monachorum Wygorn. quod compareant coram nobis, ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diocesi, seu provincia, proximo die juridico ante festum beati Petri, quod dicitur *Ad vincula*, super premissis et omnibus eo contingentibus, audituros, facturos, et recepturos, juxta tenorem privilegiorum predicti ordinis, quod justitia suadebit. Qualiter autem presens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis districte, fideliter, et aperte, per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes, citra diem predictum, intimare curetis; denuntiantes nichilominus prefatis priori et conventui, quod siue venerint, siue non, fiet super premissis, quod postulaverit ordo juris. Ad hec denuntietis et denuntiari faciatis in omnibus ecclesiis vestre civitatis et dioceseos, omnes illos excommunicatos, qui in oblatione dicti funeris fratres predictos violenter conculcaverunt, vel eis alias injuriosam violentiam intulerunt, cujus pretexto dubium non est, ipsos in excommunicationis sententiam incidisse; inquiratisque et inquiri faciatis diligenter de nominibus eorundem, et quos reos inveneritis ad diem predictum peremptorie citare curetis, quod compareant coram nobis, penam pro demeritis recepturi, eorum nomina nobis serio rescribentes. Valeat vestra paternitas semper in Christo. Dat' apud Lambeth iii. Id. Julii, anno Domini M^o. CC. nonagesimo, ordinationis nostre duodecimo (r).

(r) Ibid. f. 315. alias CCCXX. et 322.

Mandatum archiepiscopi contra capitulum Wygorn. pro funere Henr. Poch, civis Wygorn.

FRater Johannes, permissione divina Cant. archiepiscopus, totius Anglie primas, conservator privilegiorum ordinis fratrum Minorum in Anglia à sede Apostolica indultorum, venerabili in Christo fratri domino . . . Dei gratia Wygorn. episcopo, vel ejus officiali, salutem, et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Cum publicum sit et notorium, tam in regno Anglie, quam ceteris et omnibus Christianitatis partibus facti actu permanentis, ita quod nulla tergiversatione celari potest, dictos fratres Minores privilegiatos esse à dicta sede Apostolica à multis retro temporibus, quod in locis suis omnibus liberum habeant sepulturam, et quod corpora illorum decedentium omnium licite recipere valeant, qui se in locis eorundem fratrum humari elegerint in sua ultima voluntate; ac publicum, notorium, et manifestum existat facti et actu permanentis . . . priorem et conventum, Wygorn. corpus Henrici Poche, civis Wygorn. defuncti, qui dum adhuc viveret in domo seu loco fratrum Minorum ejusdem loci sibi sepulturam elegit, contra voluntatem ipsius defuncti nequiter rapuisse, et in prejudicium dictorum fratrum ac privilegiorum suorum violenter ad suum monasterium apportasse, et ibidem illum defunctum fecisse minus provide sepeliri; sitque etiam publicum et notorium memoratos priorem et conventum ad restitutionem predicti corporis ipsis fratribus faciendam sepius legitime per nos fuisse rogatos et monitos, licet spretis et contemptis hujus monitionibus, hoc hactenus facere non curaverint vel aliquater, ut dicitur, adhuc curent; ac propter hoc, nos, archiepiscopus et conservator privilegiorum dictorum fratrum, predictos confratres dicti ordinis ab omnibus gravaminibus, molestiis, et injuriis, notoriis et manifestis, contra quoscumque defendere et tueri debeamus ac teneamur auctoritate sedis predictae, adhuc ex benignitate decreverimus, ipsos priorem et conventum per loci dioecesanum, vel alium adhuc, ut prius, ad convincendum eorum malitiam ex habundanti esse monendos, quod corpus dicti Henrici sic violenter asportatum et sepultum, pleno jure fratribus restituant memoratis, vobis, auctoritate Apostolica, de qua vobis et omnibus, quorum interest, parati sumus fidem facere plenioram, et in virtute obedientie, qua dicte sedi et nobis tenemini, firmiter injungendo mandamus, quod eosdem priorem et conventum infra triduum à tempore receptionis presentium moneatis per vos, vel per alium, et efficaciter inducatis, sub pena excommunicationis majoris, quam in personas . . . prioris . . . supprioris . . . sacriste . . . precentoris . . . celerarii . . . subcelerarii . . . et coquinarii, ex nunc prout ex tunc, in hiis scriptis proferimus, si monitionibus vestris non paruerint in hac parte, et etiam interdicti in ecclesiam suam ex tunc supponimus pro facto, et pro supposita haberi precipimus, quod infra xv. dies à tempore hujus monitionis, dictum corpus eisdem fratribus fideliter reddant, et sine ulteriori cavillatione, fraude, aut dilatione restituant pleno jure. Si vero

vero monitis vestris non paruerint in premissis priorem Wygorn. et subpriorem, ac ceteros obedientiarum subditos excommunicatos esse, ut premittitur, et eorum ecclesiam interdicto suppositam, in omnibus et singulis ecclesiis vestre civitatis et dioceseos publice et solempniter, pulsatis campanis, candelis accensis et extinctis, denunciatis, seu denunciari faciatis inter Missarum solempnia singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, donec à nobis aliud receperitis in mandatis. De die autem receptionis presentium, et qualiter presens mandatum immo verius Apostolicum fueritis executi, nobis distincte, fideliter, et aperte, cum ex parte fratrum fueritis requisiti constare faciatis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Dat' apud Wrotham vii. Kal. Decembris, anno Dom. M^o. CC^o. nonagesimo, ordinationis nostre duodecimo (s).

65. *Litera inhibitoria missa episcopo Wygorn. ab officiali curie Cant.*

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino G. Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopo, officialis curie Cant. salutem cum reverentia et honore. Su a nobis procurator religionum virorum prioris et conventus cathedralis ecclesie beate Marie Wygorn. petitione monstravit, quod cum procur. dictorum religionum, ex eo quod vos eisdem comminantes manifeste asseruistis statu vestro episcopali durante, et fratre Philippo Aubyn ejusdem ecclesie Wygorn. priore existente, vos velle dictos religiosos, eorumque monasterium predictum, undique pro posse gravare et dampnificare, nullaque pace gaudere, proinde ac ex aliis certis et legitimis causis comminationibus verisimilibus, presumptionibus et probabilibus conjecturis, metuentium sibi et monasterio suo predicto, per vos, seu auctoritate vestra, posse in futurum prejudicium generari: ne vos, seu quis alius, vestro nomine, vice, auctoritate, seu mandato circa priorem et conventum memoratum, aut eorum aliquem ipsorum, vel ecclesiam predictam, jura, libertates, laudabiles consuetudines solitasve observationes suas, aut alia quecumque dictos religiosos eorum ordinem aut statum tangentia, quoquo modo nova, infueta, difficilia, onerosa, intolerabilia, seu aliquialiter prejudicialia precepta, observantias seu statuta, quocunque nomine censeantur, statuendo, injungendo, seu supplicando jurisdictionem, potestatem, aut coercionem insolitam indebite usurpando, assumendo, seu exercendo in eosdem, antiquas consuetudines, jura, seu libertates ipsius ecclesie immutando, infringendo, perturbando, contraveniendo, pronunciando, cognoscendo, decernendo, diffiniendo, suspendendo, excommunicando, excommunicationumve sententias publicando, interdicendo, sequestrando, administrationem officialium, seu ministrorum dicti monasterii impediendo, seu quovis alio modo gravando faceretis, statueretis, seu in ipsorum religionum, vel ecclesie sue prejudicium, aut gravamen quicquam attemptaretis, seu faceretis aliquialiter attemptari, sedem Apostolicam, et pro tuitione curiam Cant. legitime provocasse, et etiam appellasse, vos, premissis provocatione et appellatione non obstantibus, sed spretis potius et rejectis, ad prefatum monasterium, visitationis

(s) Giff. f. 334. alias CCCXXXV.

officium inibi exercendi causa nuper cum immoderato evectionum et familie numero accedentes, procuracionem immoderatam, indebitam et insolitam exegistis, seu potius extorsistis à religiosis memoratis, quam eisdem reddere seu restituere contra justitiam renuistis, et adhuc restituere non curatis, secretaque in ipsa visitatione per vos inventa, que secundum antiquam consuetudinem dicti monasterii hactenus approbatam, diutiusque pacifice observatam in egressu ipsius episcopi visitantis, seu paulo post finitam visitationem ibid. priori ejusdem loci tradi consueverant corrigenda, conscriptaque penes eum vel alium ipsius loci monachum dimitti, vobiscum asportastis seu detulistis, ipsorumque correctionem, si qua facienda fuerat de eisdem, per quatuor menses et amplius, maliciose protelantes, in ipsa visitatione secretius inquisita secularibus personis, una cum nominibus deponentium de eisdem medio tempore, non absque plurimorum scandalo revelastis, ac ipsis religiosis non monitis, non vocatis, nec pro contumaciter absentibus, cum bona monasterii sui à bonis episcopalibus totaliter sint, et ab antiquo semper fuissent discreta et separata, liberam bonorum suorum administrationem, quam semper predecessorum vestrorum, aut vestro irrequisito consensu exercere consueverant, eisdem auferre temere molientes, jurisdictionemque insolitam, seu administrationem in eisdem indebite usurpantes, ne absque vestra licentia et consensu dicti prior, aut ceteri obedientiarum ratione administrationis sue et officii aliquem contractum, seu negotii onus ineant aut subeant, mutuumve pecuniam à quocunque recipiant, leporariosve canes secum exeuntes adducant, licet hec omnia ex permissione juris, et consuetudine antiqua approbata, eisdem suis canibus et maxime pro libertatibus suis conservandis sint permissa simpliciter et indistincte, esumque carniū, contra suas observantias regulares, contra justitiam inhibuistis, eademque in virtute obedientie, et sub pena majoris excommunicationis observari ab eisdem perperam decrevistis; hiisque injuriis et erroribus non contenti, sed bonorum et rerum ipsius monasterii totaliter ab episcopalibus rebus, ut premittitur, divisorum liberam administrationem compoti seu ratiocinii receptionem, quam absque cujusquam auctoritate, seu consensu, hactenus à tempore, cujus memoria non existit, dicti prior et conventus ceterave persone per eisdem aut eorum majorem partem ad hoc deputande habere consueverant, interdicere conantes, eisdem, ut bonorum ipsius prioratus inventarium coram persona à vobis deputanda fieret, ipseque prior ac ceteri officarii, seu ministri ipsius monasterii administrationum suarum rationem redderent, seu recitarent coram vobis, nulla legitima hec exigente irrationabiliter statuistis, officiumque vestrum episcopale die Cinerum ultimo preterita, usu extraneo et consuetudini ipsius ecclesie Wygorn. laudabili à vestris predecessoribus hactenus observate contrario, penitus et diversoque more insolito exercuistis, celebrastis, et fieri mandastis consuetudinem ecclesie Wygorn. premisse hactenus approbatam et pacifice observatam jura et libertates ejusdem, aliis diversis injunctis, seu statutis erroneis graviter ledendo, statumque dictorum religiosorum et monasterii sui temere immutando, in dictorum religiosorum et ecclesie sue predictæ prejudicium non modicum et scandalum plurimorum

rum, propter que procurator dictorum religiosorum sentiens dictos dominos suos et se, ex premissis, et eorum quolibet, per vos indebite pregravari, quam cito premissa ad notitiam dictorum dominorum suorum pervenerunt, sacrosanctam sedem Apostolicam, et pro tuitione sedem Cant. predictę legitime, ut asserit, appellavit. Quocirca vobis inhibemus, et per vos omnibus et singulis, quibus jus exigit, inhiberi, ne pendente in curia Cant. hujus tuitione appellationis negotio quicquam hac occasione attemptetis, seu attemptari faciatis, in partis prejudicium appellantis, quominus liberam habeat appellationis sue prosecutionem, prout justum fuerit utriusque. Vos etiam tenore presentium peremptorie citamus, quod compareatis coram nobis, aut commissario nostro, in ecclesia beate Marie de Arcubus, London. septimo die juridico post Dominicam, qua cantatur Misericordia Domini, in dicto tuitione appellationis negotio facturus et recepturus, quod justitia suadebit. De die vero receptionis presentium, et qualiter mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nos, aut commissarium nostrum dictis die et loco certificare curetis, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Dat' iiii. Id. Apr. anno Domini M^o. CC^o. nonagesimo primo.

Forma pacis inite inter dominum episcopum et suum capitulum.

ANno Domini M^o. CC^o. nonagesimo primo, ii. Id. Maii, apud Kemeisia, in presentia venerabilis patris domini Roberti, Dei gratia, Bathon. et Wellen. episcopi, religiosi viri Walteri, permissione divina, abbatis Winchecombe, et magistri Willelmi Pykerel, ad pacem et tranquillitatem laborantium partium infrascriptarum, videlicet, quod cum esset materia questionis exorta, inter reverendum patrem dominum G. Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopum, ex parte una, et religiosos viros priorem et conventum Wygorn. ex altera, super variis et diversis articulis, seu querelis, tam in temporalibus quam spiritualibus, hinc inde provocationes et appellationes, suggestiones, impetrationes, tam in curia Cant. quam in curia regis essent factę, placuit partibus antedictis, quod omissis omnibus et singulis questionibus, actionibus, exactionibus, scutagiis de Cotisdon et de Lawerne, controversiis, cavillationibus et querelis, predicti, episcopus, abbas, et W. tractarent inter se, de pace facienda, firmanda, et pariter observanda inter ipsos, firmiter promittentes, quod starent et stabunt ordinationi, laudo seu dicto predictorum episcopi, abbatis, et magistri.

Articulis itaque recitatis, hinc inde qui resident penes abbatem predictum sub sigillo predicti Bathon. et Wellen. episcopi, hoc excepto, quod de prebendatione ecclesiarum non foret tractandum; dividendi tamen in quinque partes, ita quod una pars tradatur domino Bathon. et altera domino Wygorn. episcopis, tertia priori et conventui Wygorn. quarta abbati predicto, quinta dicto W. ad memoriam futurorum, dictus Bathon. et Wellens. episcopus ordinavit, laudavit, et per viam amicabile compositionis statuit consentientibus prefatis abbate et magistro, quod omnia grava-

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mina utrimque illata subducerentur. Questiones, querele, actiones, exactiones scutagiorum de Cotistone et de Lawern, cavillationes, provocationes, appellationes, prosecutiones earumdem in utraque curia ex quacumque causa, tam in temporalibus quam spiritualibus cessarent pro tempore retroacto, omnibus comminationibus, contumeliis, jurgiis, injuriis, probris, et approbriis, scandalis, suspensionibus, interdictis excommunicationibus, et aliis cordium rancoribus, ac quibuscumque litis materiis totaliter circumscriptis. Ita quod predictus pater Wygorn. omnia gravamina, tam in statutis quam in aliis gravaminibus, in predictis articulis contentis revocaret, et ab eisdem in posterum cessaret; salvo sibi jure episcopali et diocesano in omnibus in posterum exercendo. Unde partes antedictae premissam ordinationem, laudum, seu dictum, ob reverentiam prefati Bathon. et Wellen. admittentes gratanter, dictus pater Wygorn. predicta statuta cassavit, annullavit, revocavit, et voluit ac concessit, quod dicti . . . prior et conventus ab exactione dicti scutagii, et ab omnibus, que inde accidere possint in futurum, perpetim sint immunes et quieti, et super hoc ipsis faciet omnem securitatem, quam sciverint providere. Et dicti . . . prior et conventus omnibus provocationibus, appellationibus, impetrationibus, factis, et faciendis, propter premissa sponte pure et absolute renuntiarunt, et promiserunt se in presentia ipsius sepedicti patris Bathon. et Wellen. tam libenter quam liberaliter servaturos. Et quia predictus pater Wygorn. superscriptis priori et conventu suspensionis, excommunicationis et interdicti sententias imposuit, eosdem petentes absolutionis beneficium ad cautelam absolvit. Porro ut in compositionibus et transactionibus bona fides ac equalitas observetur, quia predicti compositores pensatis omnibus hoc negotium tangentibus adverterunt, quod dicti religiosi offenderant suum patrem, statuerunt, quod dictus prior, pro se et conventu suo, vadiaret seu gagia retineat quingentas marcas, quas statim gagiavit. Quas quidem quingentas marcas ad instantiam immo potius ad jussu sepedicti Bathon. et Wellen. et ob caritatem mutuam amodo dilatandum dictus pater Wygorn. dictis . . . priori et conventui remisit totaliter corde grato. Hec acta sunt in presentia discretorum virorum magistrorum Willelmi Burnel, Johannis de Rodeberwe, Nigelli le Waleys, Petri de Pyrytone, Galfridi de Northwyco, Johannis de Berford, et dominorum Johannis de Bruges, Hugonis tunc cancellarii de Bathon. Willelmi de sancto Michaele, Johannis de Strangeweye, Willelmi de Molend. Bartholomei de Devyses, Nicholai rectoris ecclesie de Seggesberge, Ricardi rectoris ecclesie de Iccumb, Johannis de Bromesgrave clerici, Roberti de Barneyby, et aliorum.

In premissorum vero testimonium sigillum sepedicti venerabilis patris domini Bathon. et Wellen. episcopi per se, abbate et magistro predictis presentibus, est appensum. Dat. et act. ut supra.

OMnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Godefridus, Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos remisisse pro nobis et successoribus nostris, et omnino quietum clamasse . . . priori et conventui nostre ecclesie Wygorn. et eorum successoribus, totum jus et clamium, quod habuimus, vel habere poterimus in scutagio cum homagio, et omnibus aliis que exinde poterunt provenire de predictis priore et conventu, et eorum successoribus, ac hominibus et tenentibus eorundem in Coteitone et Lawern Willielmi imperpetuum. Quare volumus, et concedimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quod ipsi . . . prior et conventus, et eorum successores, ac homines et tenentes eorum de predictis villis de Coteitone et Lawern Willielmi, de scutagio cum homagio, et omnibus aliis, qui exinde poterunt provenire, sint liberi et quieti imperpetuum. Et ut hec nostra remissio et quietam clamantiam imperpetuum robur optineat firmitatis, presens scriptum sigilli nostri impressione roboravimus, hiis testibus, dominis Willelmo le Power, Henrico de Ribbesford, Johanne de Graftone, Roberto de Bracy, Henrico de Penedoc, militibus; Thoma de Codelege et Ricardo de Grymehull, et aliis.

Memorandum, quod ista Carta concessa fuit ad instantiam domini Bathon. et abbatis Wynhecumbe, apud Kemesey xi. Kal. Maii, anno Domini M^o. CC^o. nonagesimo primo (t).

Memorandum, quod anno Domini M^o. CC^o. nonagesimo secundo, in festo Pentecostes, nos, prior et conventus cathedralis ecclesie Wygorn. concorditer attendentes multiplicia, tam in spiritualibus quam temporalibus, beneficia per venerabilem patrem nostrum dominum Godefridum, Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopum, nobis et ecclesie nostre caritative collata, volentes eidem vicem gratam rependere cum affectu, de consensu unanimi eidem concedimus, quod annis singulis post decessum ejusdem, tresdecim pauperes anniversarii sui die per elemosinarium nostrum, qui pro tempore fuerit, pro ipsius anima specialiter exhibeantur. Ad quod inviolabiliter observandum, presens scriptum in nostro Martiologio fecimus annotari (u).

Pro anima G. episcopi Wygorn.

(t) Giff. f. 327, 338. (u) Ibid. f. 370, alias CCCLXXI.

66. *Indictamentum contra episcopum Wygorn. pro Colingrugge.*

Rogerus de Moles, Adam Gurdun, et Johannes filius Thome vicecomiti Suthampt. salutem. Ex parte domini regis tibi mandamus, quod distringas Godefridum episcopum Wygorn. per omnes terras et catalla in balliva tua. Ita quod, ad ea manus non apponet, donec à domino rege aliud habueris mandatum. Et quod de exitibus earumdem domino regi respondeas. Et quod habeas corpus ejusdem episcopi coram domino rege in crastino Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis, ubicunque fuerit in Anglia, ad satisfaciendum domino regi de transgressione venationis, unde est indictatus coram nobis in comitatu predicto. Et ad habendum ad eundem diem ibidem Augerum nepotem suum, Wilhelmum Salvage pincernam suum, Henricum venatorem suum, Johannem garsonem ejusdem Henrici, et Radulphum Sprenggehuse manupastos suos, de transgressione venationis indictatos, ad respondendum domino regi pro transgressione predicta. Et habeas ibidem tunc hoc Breve. Dat' apud Wynton. die Dominica proxima ante festum Translationis beati Thome martyris, anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo primo.

Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie, dilecto et fideli suo Rogero de Moles, salutem. Mandamus vobis, quod manerium venerabilis patris G. episcopi Wygorn. de Ichulle, quod nuper capi fecistis in manum nostram, pro transgressione, quam ipsum episcopum fecisse dicitur, capiendo unum cervum in foresta nostra de Collinggerugge sine licentia nostra, et unde indictatus fuit coram vobis, et dilecto et fideli nostro Adam Gurdun, justiciariis nostris, ad inquirendum de transgressionibus in forestis, chaciis, et parcis nostris factis in diversis comitatibus regni nostri assignatis, eidem episcopo per manucaptionem suam propriam, usque ad instans Parliamentum nostrum sancti Michaelis, replegiari facias. Ita quod tunc stet recto in curia nostra de transgressione predicta. Et habeatis ibi hoc Breve. Teste meipso apud Bristoll xxx. die Septembris, anno regni nostri vicesimo primo. Per ipsum R. nunciante H. de Veer (x).

(x) Giff. f. 351. b.

67. *Articuli contra Godfridum episcopum Wygorn. et responsiones ejusdem.*

‘ **N**OS Robertus, permissione divina, Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, Anglie
‘ primas, capitulum et dioc. Wygorn. visitantes, invenimus, quod
‘ quidam episcopus Wygorn. tempore quo ecclesia Wygorn. fuit combusta,
‘ suscepit in se onus reficiendi seu reparandi eandem ecclesiam, pretexto
‘ cujus prior et capitulum concesserunt sibi ad certos annos, diu exh. ef-
‘ fluxos, decimas fuorum dominicorum, successoresque dicti episcopi et e-
‘ piscopus, qui modo est, licet nichil expenderent pro reparatione dicte
‘ ecclesie, perceptionem tamen dictarum decimarum continuarunt injuste,
‘ et adhuc episcopus nunc existens continuat illud idem.

Ad istud articulum respondet dominus episcopus, quod de convencione hu-
jus nichil scit, nec aliquas decimas de dominicis religiosorum hactenus
percepit, nec percipit in presenti, nec predecessores sui perceperunt,
quod sciat.

2. ‘ Item invenimus in visitatione predicta, quod episcopus appropriavit
‘ ecclesiam sancti Petri de Wynchecumbe ejusdem loci monasterio absque
‘ causa legitima, ad falsam suggestionem quorundam, eidemque appropria-
‘ tioni prior et capitulum Wygorn. circumventi erronee consenserunt.

Ad secundum articulum respondet episcopus, quod ipse non appropriavit
dictam ecclesiam, sed orta questione super quibusdam portionibus inter
abbatem et conventum Wynchecumbe dictam ecclesiam in proprios u-
sus ab antiquo obtinentes, ex parte una, et vicarium ejusdem loci, ex
altera; de consensu partium earundem de eisdem portionibus, medi-
ante justitia, ordinavit pro utilitate ecclesie et partium quiete, prout in
instrumento inde confecto plenius continetur.

3. ‘ Item invenimus, quod episcopus appropriavit, absque causa legitima,
‘ et injuste, priori et capitulo Wygorn. ecclesiam de Grimlege, cum ca-
‘ pella de Hallowe.

Ad tertium articulum respondet episcopus, quod ex causa justa et sufficiente,
que tunc fuit, ut sibi videbatur, prout in instrumento appropriationis inde
confecto et registrato plenius continetur, ecclesiam de Gremeleye ju-
ste appropriavit; et si videatur domino archiepiscopo causam hujus
cessare, vel insufficientem esse, paratus est dominus episcopus, si hoc
decreverit idem dominus archiepiscopus, appropriationem hujus revo-
care.

4. ‘ Item

4. ‘ Item, quod episcopus abstulit precentori Wygorn. ministerium vocandi ordinandos, et fecit fratrem Thomam de Wychio predictum precentorem ejici ab ecclesia violenter, quia vendicavit in ordinibus dictum ministerium tanquam precentor, et extorsit LX. marcas a capitulo, ut reduceret illud in hoc casu ad statum pristinum, sicut patet in instrumento super hoc confecto.

Ad quartum articulum respondet episcopus, quod ministerium vocandi ordinandos, tam de jure quam de consuetudine, ad archidiaconum loci, seu aliquem deputandum per episcopum semper pertinuit, et adhuc pertinet, pro libito voluntatis sue, et non ad precentorem Wygorn. nisi forsitan hoc aliquotiens contingeret ex speciali deputatione dicti episcopi. Dicit etiam, quod fratri Thome de Wychio nullam violentiam temerariam fecit hac occasione, aut precepit inferri, nec aliquam pecuniam recepit à capitulo Wygorn. ea occasione, ut ipsum reduceret ad statum talem pristinum, quia hujus statum nunquam habuit, nec adhuc habet, nec scit de aliquo tali instrumento.

5. ‘ Item, quod licet procuratio à priore et capitulo non consueverit domino, ratione visitationis; episcopus tamen eam exigit, et recipit ab eisdem.

Ad quintum articulum respondet episcopus, quod ipse consuevit tempore suo visitare priorem et capitulum, et procuracionem recipere ab eisdem, nec credit, quod contra hoc possit aliqua consuetudo introduci.

6. ‘ Item, quod episcopus usurpavit bona ecclesie in officio sacriste, ex quibus, pro magna parte, fecit construere castrum suum apud Hertlebure, et aliquas edes apud Wygorn. Kemesey, Wyke, et tamen in sua prima creatione promisit, quod nunquam aliquid exigeret de hujus officio.

Ad sextum articulum respondet episcopus, quod non usurpavit bona sacristarie, nec ex illis bonis castrum apud Hertlebure, vel edes apud Kemesey, et Wyke construxit, vel construi fecit; sed de bonis propriis episcopi, et aliis, canonice acquisitis; promisit tamen dictum sacristam quasdam edes episcopales juxta ecclesiam cathedralem Wygorn. edificare, et expensas ministrare, de quibusdam proventibus spectantibus ad eundem episcopum in ecclesia Wygorn. quos ad illum usum seperavit à triginta tribus annis retro. Si queritur de quali proventu, respondit, quod de medietate obventionum provenientium ad tumbam sancti Wlstan, et fere-trum, secundum formam compositionis.

7. ‘ Item,

7. ' Item, quod episcopus monachum prefectum in sacristam reputat exemptum ab obedientia sui prioris et aliorum, quibus obedire tenetur, et confert illud officium ad vitam ipsius sacriste, sicut apparet per literas ab episcopo sibi concessas.

Ad septimum articulum respondet episcopus: Prefectio et promotio dicte sacriste pertinet ad eum, et ad predecessores suos pertinuit ab antiquo de consuetudine ecclesie, nec reputat eum exemptum ab obedientia prioris sui in aliis, nisi quatinus contingat officium predictum, et si aliqua litera perpetuitatis super dicto officio emanavit, hec fuit propter nimiam occupationem dicti episcopi, et importunitatem aliquorum instantium pro eodem.

8. ' Item, quod episcopus de facto prebendavit omnes majores ecclesias parochiale, ad patronatum suum spectantes, sine consensu prioris et capituli Wygorn. et concessit promotis ad easdem ecclesias duplicem titulum, videlicet, prebende et institutionis facte, tanquam in ecclesia curam animarum habente.

Ad octavum articulum respondet episcopus, quod super eo an prebendaverit hujus ecclesias vel non, pendet lis super aliquibus earum coram delegatis sedis Apostolicæ, et super aliis majoribus coram presidente curie Cant. Dicit etiam episcopus, quod aliquoties voluit et intendebat ecclesias de predictis apprehendasse, et quasdam literas super hoc sibi fecit, hujusque propositum suum capitulo Wygorn. exposuit, et exponi fecit, ad illiciendum eorum consensum, non intendens absque eorum consensu aliquam apprehendationem facere, et tandem viso quod non potuit apud eos proficere, destitit ab intento, reputans se nichil fecisse. Et ad declarationem rescriptionis prioris sic respondet episcopus, quod quasdam literas fecit formari super prebendatione quarundam ecclesiarum, quas noluit esse clericis pro titulis, nondum in eventum consensus sui capituli, sicut alias est responsum, et nullo alio modo prebendavit.

9. ' Item, quod episcopus emit quoddam manerium de Cocton, ipsum approprians suo episcopatu, assensu regio concurrente, hujus emptionisque cartas benedicens in capitulo, ipsas optulit cum manerio super summum altare Wygorn. ex post facto tamen dictum manerium vendidit, pecuniam inde receptam propriis uibus deputando.

Ad nonum articulum respondet episcopus, quod cum Willelmus de Spineto filius Willelmi de Spineto, verus heres dicti manerii de Cocton, instaret pro dicto manerio recuperando jure suo hereditario, assistentibus eidem dominis Lincoln. et Eliens. episcopis, et aliis quam plurimis magnatibus regni Anglie, et tandem cum constaret legitime eidem

dem episcopo Wigorn. de jure hereditario predicti, volens idem episcopus exonerare conscientiam suam, et bonam fidem agnoscere, penamque Concilii Oxon. evitare, intervenientibus regni proceribus regis, dictum manerium non valens centum solidis annuatim, prefato heredi dimisit, et unam summam pecunie recepit, ad quam et etiam majorem ascendunt sumptus, quos fecit dictus episcopus circa lites varias, et res alias, occasione dicti manerii, et nichilominus in rebus aliis longe plus valentibus, ipsam ecclesiam ditavit et conservavit indemnem.

10. ' Item, quod episcopus, suggesto domino pape, quod ecclesia Wygorn. fuerat ruinosa, et ob hoc petito subsidio, obtinuit sibi concedi primos fructus ecclesiarum per terminum in sua diocesi vacantium; et licet nichil circa illam ecclesiam expendisset, ne dum per dictum terminum, sed per quaternium, et amplius, primos fructus vacantium ecclesiarum percepit, et adhuc à simplicibus presentatis nititur extorquere.

Ad decimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod non solum propter ipsam ecclesiam materiale Wygorn. sed propter edificia et domos pertinentes ad eandem, et alias causas necessarias et utiles fuit sic concessum dictum subsidium, quod quidem subsidium convertit, juxta formam concessionis predictæ, in opera et casus magis necessarios, prout melius videbatur expedire, nec quicquam ultra formam concessionis hujus exegit, seu recepit.

11. ' Item, quod episcopus in visitatione sue ecclesie cathedralis edidit statuta gravia, et postmodum, pro revocatione statutorum ipsorum quinquaginta marcas à capitulo recepit.

Ad undecimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod in visitatione sua nulla gravia statuta contra formam juris edidit; sed potius quedam prius edita canonice observanda, prout ex eorum inspectione evidenter poterit apparere, eisdem injunxit, nec ipsa, sicut nec debuit, hacenus revocavit, nec pro revocando aliquod recepit.

12. ' Item, quod episcopus quosdam servos ad episcopatum suum spectantes, absque consensu prioris et capituli Wygorn. manumisit.

Ad duodecimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod bona episcopi et capituli sunt discreta et sepeperata ex consuetudine ecclesie, tam episcopus per se, quam capitulum per se, faciunt manumissiones, prout utilitati ecclesie viderint expedire.

13. ' Item,

13. ' Item, quod episcopus concessit domino Symoni Ade Crombe ...
' qui neptem ipsius episcopi duxit in uxorem, assissara panis et cerevisie
' in hundredo de Oswaldeflaw, sine consensu prioris et capituli, et hoc
' fecit in lesionem enormem sue dignitatis episcopalis.

Ad tertium decimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod tam Symon de Crombe, quam sui antecessores, ab antiquo habuerunt dictam assissam panis et cerevisie, reddendo inde annuatim episcopo Wygorn. viginti solidos, qui redditus plus valet quam assisa predicta. Unde episcopus nihil novum concessit, sed ipsum in statu, quam prius habuit, remanere permisit.

14. ' Item, licet episcopi Wygorn. qui pro tempore fuerunt, consuevis-
' sent prioratum Majoris Malverne visitare, et procuraciones recipere, ac
' electionem prioris examinare, nec non confirmare vel quassare, et in
' possessione juris talia exercendi fuissent, à tempore cujus memoria non
' extabat; episcopus tamen, qui nunc est, hujus jura concessit de fac-
' to abbati Westmonast. pro manerio de Knytwyke, absque consensu pri-
' oris et capituli Wygorn. ecclesie, in enormem ejusdem ecclesie lesio-
' nem.

Ad quartum decimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod licet episcopi Wigornientes aliquoties consueverunt in prioratu Majoris Malverne jurisdictionem suam in casibus in articulo expressis exercere, quia tamen abbas Westmonast. quedam privilegia, prout sibi videbatur, sufficientia super exemptione monasterii sui et cellarium ejusdem, et precipue dicti prioratus Majoris Malverne à jurisdictione episcopali ordinaria exhibuit; dictus episcopus, eorum pretextu, ob reverentiam sedis Apostolice, ab exercitio officii, et jurisdictionis episcopalis, superfedit hucusque. Prior vero et conventus predictum manerium de Knythewyke pure, sponte, et absolute, episcopo et successoribus suis, cum postea contulerunt, prout in instrumentis inde confectis plenius continetur. Que narrantur in hac responsione, sunt vera; cetera in articulo contenta negat.

15. ' Item, quod episcopus à singulis ecclesiis sue dioc. sepulturam habentibus, exigit pro crismate duos solidos, et ab ecclesiis non habentibus sepulturam, duos denarios.

Ad quintodecimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod nichil recipit ab ecclesiis sue dioc. nisi solita et consueta, pro causis autem in articulo contentis nichil recepit.

16. ' Item,

16. ' Item, cum magister Walterus Chamel dedisset XL. libras sterlingorum ad faciendum cancellum ecclesie de Clive, eandemque pecuniam in manibus vicarii ejusdem ecclesie dimisisset, episcopus Wigorn. qui nunc est, per vexationes varias ipsam pecuniam ab eodem vicario extorquere presumpsit, et nichil pro fabrica dicti cancelli hactenus est impensum.

Ad sextodecimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod executores Walteri Scamel tradiderunt sibi quadraginta libras pro cancello novo faciundo, et pro domibus pertinentibus ad rectoriam edificandis et reparandis, et paratus est pecuniam, juxta voluntatem defuncti, convertere in usus assignatos.

17. ' Item, quod episcopus percipit annuatim a vicario de Dounamee quatuor marcas, nomine procurationis, in ipsius grande vicarii prejudicium.

Ad septimum decimum articulum respondet episcopus, quod hospitalarii ecclesiam Douneameney habent in proprios usus, ex qua debetur episcopo pensio annua quatuor marcarum, ex canonica ordinatione imposita, quam quidam vocant Procurationem, ad cujus solutionem oneratur vicarius ejusdem, et propter hoc pinguiorem habet portionem.

18. ' Item, quod episcopus extorsit a magistro Thoma de Stoke, ex-
cutore testamenti Galfridi de Hameneye, xx. marcas antequam posset libere
exequi hujus testamentum.

Ad octavum decimum articulum respondet episcopus, negando contenta in eodem.

19. ' Item, quod episcopus a clericis volentibus habere literas testimoniales super suis ordinibus 11 s. vi d. recipit pro sigillo.

Ad nonum decimum articulum respondet episcopus, negando contenta in eodem.

20. ' Item, quod episcopus a presbyteris vocatis ad prandium, suos per
registrum, vel per testes quantumcumque bene probarent ordines, recepit
xii d. et a clericis pro privatis sigillis, 11 d. et ab hiis, qui minus suffi-
cienter probarunt, dimidiam marcam, et a nullo modo probantibus, unam
marcam, ut possent libere celebrare. Nolentes vero quicquamolvere rema-
neunt suspensi.

Ad vicesimum articulum respondet episcopus, negando contenta in eodem.

21. ' Item, quod episcopus Godefridum incumbentem detentioni ecclesie de Weston sub egge, dum esset in minori etate, scienter permisit tenere eandem ecclesiam per plures annos, et pro ipso tolerando in detentione ipsius ecclesie recepit singulis annis LX. marcas.

Ad vicesimum primum respondet episcopus, quod dictum Godefridum propter nobilitatem generis, et alias causas, sub expectatione gratie sedis apostolice permisit ad tempus ecclesiam de Weston tenere, licet forsan perfecte non fuisset etatis, sicut alii prelati Anglie faciunt in similibus casibus, et interim custodem ecclesie deputavit. Alia contenta in articulo, prout narrantur, negat.

22. ' Item, quod episcopus scienter contulit ecclesiam de Kemesey magistro Thome de Stoke, tunc habenti notorie, in dioc. Wygorn. plura beneficia curam animarum habentia, videlicet, ecclesiam de Camme, et vicariam de Standish, absque sufficiente dispensatione.

Ad vicesimum secundum respondet episcopus, quod magister Thomas de Stokes portionem in ecclesia de Standish, non ut vicariam, sed ut rectoriam, optinuit commendatam, ante Concilium Lugdunense. Ecclesia vero de Camme, toto tempore quo eam tenuit, fuit litigiosa; et sic in collatione ecclesie de Kemesey non videbatur sibi dictum Thomam sic pluralem extitisse, ut locus esset artioris constitutionis super exhibendis dispensationibus edite.

23. ' Item, quod episcopus scienter contulit Waltero de Berton, tunc habenti unam ecclesiam parochialem de Mellis, et vicariam de Kynemerford, quibus cura animarum est annexa, ecclesiam de Brudone, habentem curam consimilem, nulla sufficiente dispensatione exhibita.

Ad vicesimum tertium articulum respondet episcopus, quod dictus Walterus portionem in ecclesia de Kynemerford, non ut vicariam, sed ut rectoriam, optinuit ante Lugdun. Concilium commendatam; ecclesiam vero de Mellis, Bathon. et Wellen. dioc. per aliqua tempora tenuit tanquam episcopi loci sequestr. et fuit dictum sequestrum sibi commissum ante Concilium Lugdun. pro voluntate episcopi revocandum, quod idem episcopus Bathon et Well. postea revocavit. Dicit etiam, quod ante dictum Concilium ecclesiam de Bredone dicto Waltero contulit, nec reputavit eum pluralem, cum ecclesiam de Melles suo nomine non possedit, sed tanquam sequestrator, ut predicitur.

24. ' Item, quod episcopus admisit dominum Radulphum de Hengham tunc habentem notorie plura beneficia curam animarum habentia ad ecclesiam de Fayreford, cui cura consimilis est annexa, nulla dispensatione sufficienti exhibita. Idem fecit de magistro Johanne de Cadomo ad ecclesiam de Stratford super Abbonam. Similiter admisit dominum Johannem de Berwyke ad ecclesiam de Severnestoke; ac dominum Petrum de Leycestre ad ecclesiam de Thornbure, habentem plura beneficia in eadem dioc. et alibi.

Ad vicesimum quartum articulum respondet episcopus, quod dominum Radulphum de Hengham ad ecclesiam de Fayreford admisit, sub expectatione gratie sedis Apostolice, quam promisit infra tempus exhibere. Idem respondet de domino Johanne de Berewyke, quoad ecclesiam de Severnestoke. Et idem respondet de domino Petro Leycestre, quoad ecclesiam Thornebure; et idem respondet de domino Johanne de Cadomo, quoad ecclesiam de Stradford, sicut alii prelati faciunt in casu simili.

25. ' Item, quod episcopus, si audiat referri de aliquo subdito suo, quod sit nummosus, statim constringit occasiones diversas omnino vexandi eos, ut magnam summam pecunie extorqueat ab eisdem, propter quod in Wygorn. dioc. magnum scandalum suscitatur.

Ad vicesimum quintum articulum respondet episcopus, et diffitetur omnino quod in eodem articulo continetur.

26. ' Item, quod clerici episcopi ad visitationis officium deputati, ipso sciente et permittente, licet procurentur, recipiunt à quibusdam ecclesiis 11 s. à quibusdam, dimidiam marcam.

Ad vicesimum sextum respondet episcopus, quod clerici sui visitantes nullas procuraciones recipiunt, quod sciat, nisi consuetas, et à jure debitas.

27. ' Item, quod episcopus extorsit à rectore ecclesie de Magna Compton xx. libras pro primis fructibus, qui ad eundem episcopum non spectabant, cum vel juxta verum valorem, ad xii. libras duntaxat sit taxata.

Ad vicesimum septimum respondet, quod ecclesia de Compton Magna valet annuatim L. mar. is; unde ministri sui pro primis fructibus venditis eidem rectori receperunt viginti libras ab eodem, juxta tenorem privilegii Apostolici, de quo scilicet super fit mentio.

28. Item,

28. ' Item, devastavit et destruxit silvas suas ad episcopatum suum pertinentes, videlicet, in Malverna et in Beanboys.

Ad vicesimum octavum articulum respondet episcopus, et negat, se devastationem fecisse in silva de Malverne; quantum ad silvam de Bealboys dicit, quod nullam talem habet.

29. ' Item, quod episcopus, in penultima visitatione sua multos de consanguinitate sua secum adduxit ad monasterium Wygorn. ita quod erant centum equi de sua familia, et illi secum venientes dampna plurima fecerunt, utensilia domus frangendo, mappas scindendo, episcopo connivente. Dicebat etenim, quod non venit ut visitaret, sed potius ut oneraret.

Ad vicesimum nonum articulum respondet, negando contenta in eodem, et dicit, quod modo civili et canonico visitavit.

30. ' Item, in tantum oneravit abbatiam de Teukesbure visitatione, quod sua procuratio excessit xxx^{ta}. marcas.

Ad tricesimum articulum respondet, quod de abbacia de Teukesbure non exegit nisi debitam et consuetam procuracionem. Sed tamen excefferunt in sumptibus, et hospites invitarunt preter conscientiam episcopi; et si dampnum incurrerunt, de se conquerantur.

31. ' Item, similiter in visitatione ultima in domo de Perfore oneravit in tantum domum illam, quod sua procuratio excessit xxx. marcas, et nichilominus recepit munera, viz. Palefridum H. de Chaldewell tunc abbas, griseum, et cupam de argento.

Ad tricesimum primum articulum respondet episcopus, quod nullam procuracionem exegit nisi debitam et consuetam; et si excefferunt in sumptibus, hoc fecerunt preter conscientiam episcopi; nec aliquid occasione visitationis recepit, preter esculenta et poculenta. Dicit tamen, quod post quarterium anni à tempore visitationis complete, quendam pullanum per dictum abbatem de Perfore sibi gratis oblatum recepit. De cuppa argentea non recolit.

32. ' Item, dominus episcopus Wygorn. induci facit in corporalem possessionem ecclesiarum archidiaconatus Glouc. rectores institutos per alium, seu alios, quam per ipsam archidiaconum Glouc. seu ejus officialem, licet ab antiquo, de jure et consuetudine approbata, hujus inductiones ad ipsos pertineat.

Ad tricesimum secundum respondet episcopus, quod inductiones hujus semper consueverunt fieri per episcopum, vel aliquem per eum deputandum, pro suo libito voluntatis.

33. ' Item, dominus episcopus ecclesiam de Ameneye sancte Marie dicto archidiacono jure archidiaconali subjectam, abbati et conventui Cyrencestre, qui se exemptos fore asserunt, appropriavit, in ipsius archidiaconi prejudicium, et sui archidiaconatus; tum quia ab illis rectoribus ipsius ecclesie de Ameneye, sicut de aliis ecclesiarum rectoribus predicti archidiaconatus consueverunt archidiaconi Glouc. habere primas inductiones, obedientias, vocationes, correctiones, et officium decanatus ruralis, &c. de quibus spoliatur archidiaconatus predictus per ipsam appropriationem, maximo quia non est ibi vicarius perpetuus ordinatus, et ipsi religiosi exemptos se pretendunt, quia extra villam de Cyrencestre non sunt auctoritate ordinaria evocandi.

Ad tricesimum tertium respondet episcopus, et dicit, quod ecclesiam de Dunameneye non appropriavit, sed illam religiosi de Cyrencestre ab antiquo appropriatam cum debita cause cognitione restituit eisdem, Cetera in eodem contenta diffitetur.

34. ' Item, quod episcopus duas partes proventuum in visitatione ejusdem domini archidiaconi personaliter visitantis et corrigentis, tam de contumaciis, quam de omnibus aliis procurationibus dumtaxat exceptis, exigit minus juste.

Ad tricesimum quartum articulum respondet episcopus, quod hujus duas partes proventuum, tam ipse, quam sui predecessores, perceperunt a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non extat, et pertinent ad jus ecclesie sue, ex consuetudine pacifice obtenta ab antiquo.

35. ' Item, idem episcopus inhibet, et inhiberi facit, ne de criminibus seu delictis religiosorum in archidiaconatu suo perpetratis, seu commissis, et extra loca religiosa, ac etiam de defectibus cancellorum, ad religiosos spectantibus reparandis idem archid. per se, vel per officialem, seu commissarium, aliquammodo intromittat.

Ad tricesimum quintum respondet episcopus, quod ab antiquo correctio excessuum religiosorum in sua dioc. semper pertinuit, et pertinet ad episcopum et ejus officialem, et non ad inferiorem prelatum. De defectibus vero cancellorum dicit, se non intromittere, nisi tempore visitationis.

36. ' Item,

36. ' Item, ejusdem domini episcopi officiales, sui que commissarii, iur-
' gia et modicas causas coram officiali domini archidiaconi in capitulis
' suis pendentes, et alias causas archidiaconales, ad vocationem archidia-
' conalem ab antiqua consuetudine pertinentes, ad suum examen traxe-
' runt; et ne per ipsum archidiaconum, seu ipsius officialem, aliququaliter
' procedatur in causis hujus inhibebant.

Ad tricesimum sextum articulum respondet episcopus, et negat in eo contenta,
et dicit, quod sui officiales et commissarii per preventionem cognos-
cunt in omnibus causis, et in talibus coram se pendentibus licite in-
cumbent, inferioribus jurisdictionem iuste defendendo.

Articuli ultimo liberati, scilicet, per priorem et conventum, de violati-
one compositionis facte inter eos et Gul. de Bleys, episcopum Wygorn.
predecessorem suum; sed pagina est lacerata, et non sunt legibiles;
compositio vero sequitur.

(γ) Giff. f. 470. b. 471, 472, 473.

68. *Compositio inter episcopum et monachos Wigornienſes, anno MCCXXIV.*

NOverint univerſi preſentes literas inſpecturi, quod cum inter dominum W. episcopum Wigorn. et conventum ejusdem eccleſie, ex uno latere, variæ quæſtiones eſſent obortæ, tam ſuper inſtitutione cujuſdam W. quondam prioris de Malvern, quem prædictus episcopus dicto conventui præfecerat in priorem, quàm ſuper inſtitutione et deſtitutione priorum alias pro tempore facienda: item pro cuſtodia dicti prioratus, prioratu vacante, et ſuper provenientibus tumbæ et ferètrorum beati Wlſtani, ſuper poſſeſſionibus et debitis conventui ad mandatum episcopi detentis, nec non ſuper modo ingrediendi capitulum, et dampnis, et expenſis, et quæſtionibus, et aliis injuriis, hinc inde vario modo, ſicut dicebatur, illatis. Item, cum ex alio latere, inter dictum conventum et præfatum W. quem illis dederat in priorem, ob inſtitutionem ejusdem W. aliis quæſtionibus et injuriis hinc inde illatis, ſimiliter orta eſſet nonnulla contentio, viris providis et diſcretis pluries inter eos de pace tractantibus, nec proficientibus. Tandem pro pace reformanda convenientibus in capitulo Wigorn. domino S. Cantuar. archiepiscopo, et dominis J. Bathon. et H. Lincoln. episcopis, nec non de Eweſham et de Rading abbatibus, cum aliis diſcretis viris, dicti episcopus et conventus Wigorn. ſuper omnibus quæſtionibus inter ſe motis; idem etiam conventus et dictus W. ſuper omnibus quæſtionibus, ſimiliter inter ſe motis in dictos dominos Cantuar. Bathon. et Lincoln. et memoratos abbates de Eweſham et de Rading, et magiſtrum S. de Eketun, clericum dicti domini Cantuar. quos compoſitores amicabiles elegerunt ſpontanea voluntate, compromiſerunt ſuper ſacroſancta jurantes, quod eorum ſtarent ordinationi in omnibus quæſtionibus inter eos ſubortis. Secedentibus igitur in partem dictis compoſitoribus, et nunc ad hanc partem, nunc ad illam habentibus reſreſſum, ut habita frequenti collatione eos facilius ad concordiam revocarent, tandem penſato ſtatu eccleſiæ Wigorn. et conſiderato animarum periculo, quod imminebat, ponderatis etiam variis circumſtantiis illud negotium tangentibus, magna ſuper hoc cum viris diſcretis habita deliberatione, ita ad honorem Dei et eccleſiæ, ad pacem etiam et tranquillitatem partium concorditer ordinarunt.

Imprimis, ut dictus W. quondam prior Malvern, quicquid juris habuit, vel ſibi vendicavit in prioratu Wigorn. absolute et ſimpliciter reſignaret, quod et in eorum preſentia ſine dilatione fecit ibidem. Facta igitur reſignatione, providerunt, quod idem W. ad honeſtam ſuſtentationem ſuam manerium de Clive, quod eſt prioratus Wigorn. omnibus diebus vitæ ſuæ in uſus proprios retinebit in eadem integritate, qua conſuevit conventus vel prior eorum illud manerium retinere, ſalva conventui eccleſia ejusdem villæ, cum decimis ruſticorum et libere tenentium, et aliis pertinentiis, præterquam de dominico manerii, quod apud memoratum W. ſicut dictum eſt, remanebit. Providerunt autem, quod idem W. nichil alienet, vel aliquid tempore ſuo faciat, quo minus

minus dominium manerii, cum pertinentiis, post decessum ipsius, ad conventum revertatur in eadem integritate, qua illud recepit. De debitis etiam à dicto W. prætenu hujus litis contractis, premissa taxatione præmissorum et dicti W. sacramento obsecuto, statuerunt, quod conventus Wigorn. vel eorum prior, ipsi, pro expensis illis centum marcas persolvat, ita ut in festo Natalis Domini proximo venturo percipiet viginti quinque marcas, et in Pascha sequenti alias viginti quinque, et in festo Natalis beati Joannis Baptiste viginti quinque marcas, et residuas viginti quinque marcas in sequenti festo beati Michaelis. De monachis etiam, qui faverant dicto episcopo, vel memorato W. providerunt, quod ipsi ad conventum in bona pace et gratia revertantur; ita quod, ad invicem omni injuria sepulta, et rancore semoto, se fraterna caritate pertractent. Ordinarunt etiam, quod hac vice nullum habeant priorem de domo sua, sed dictus dominus Wigorn. de extraneis monachum aliquem, quem secundum conscientiam suam idoneum reputaverit, excepto dicto W. jam amoto, eis hac vice præficiat in priorem. De cætero autem, vacante prioratu, sic providerunt ordinationem faciendam, ut conventus septem monachos, quos voluerit de gremio suo (injunctum est tamen ut de melioribus hoc faciat) episcopo suo præsentet; qui necesse habebit unum ex illis septem, quem voluerit, illis præficere in priorem, quem quidem episcopus Wigorn. non poterit amovere, nec alium priorem deinceps, nisi ex certa causa, sicut prædecessores sui facere consueverunt. Circa custodiam autem prioratus vacantis ordinatum est sub hac forma: ' Ut dominus episcopus Wigorn. vacante prioratu, ecclesias ad præsentationem prioris et conventus spectantes, quas interim vacare contigerit, libere conferat personis idoneis. Custodias etiam, eschaetas, nec non et maritagia libere tenentium etiam conferat, si acciderint hi casus, prioratu vacante, toto residuo, tam in capite prioratus et maneriis eorum, quam in ecclesiis, quas habent in usu proprio, nec non in aliis beneficiis seu redditibus, ad solius conventus custodiam permanente; nec per collationem ecclesiarum, custodiarum, eschaetarum, maritagiorum, quæ fiet ab episcopo, prioratu vacante, aliquid conventui vel priori præjudicium generetur, quin priore eis ordinato, ad ipsos alia vice spectet ordinatio seu præsentatio omnium præmissorum, cum iterum vacaverint, vel acciderint, prioratu non vacante. Propter præmissa vero, non differatur ordinatio prioris, vel protrahatur, sed quanto commodius fieri poterit, vacante prioratu, destinabit conventus ad episcopum suum, ubicunque fuerit in Anglia, aliquos de gremio suo, qui ei septem monachos nominatos à conventu per literas patentes conventus præsentent; ut sic ordinatio sine difficultate procedat. Si vero episcopus exiturus sit regnum, ad quacunque partes iturus, statuatur aliquem suo loco, qui unum de septem nominatis à conventu eis priorem præficiat vice sua: sive jam prioratu vacante, ipse regnum egredi statuerit, sive, eo agente extra regnum, contigerit prioratum vacare, ut undique provideatur ecclesiæ, ne per absentiam episcopi priore remaneat desolata. Et si nemine constituto loco sui, qui priorem possit, sicut dictum est, præficere, contigerit episcopo m egredi regnum; ne vel sic per negligentiam

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‘ vel desidiam episcopi contigerit ordinationem prioris impune differri, hoc in
 ‘ pœnam ipsius statuerunt, ut sive ante egressum ipsius vacaverit prioratus, sive
 ‘ postea, nichil interim per ipsum, vel suos, de dictis ecclesiis, custodiis, eschae-
 ‘ tis, vel maritagiis, conferatur, sed illa vacatione pertineant ad solum con-
 ‘ ventum.’

De proventibus autem tumbæ et feretrorum beati Wolstani ita statuerunt; ut medietas eorum, de cetero, spectet ad episcopum, medietas ad conventum, et ad custodiam illam episcopus pro parte sua, et conventus pro parte sua, quos voluerint custodes, honestos clericos vel monachos deputabit. Circa ingressum vero episcopi, sive modum ingrediendi capitulum, ita providerunt; ut cum voluerit episcopus capitulum eorum intrare, præmuniat conventum, utrum tractare velit de spiritualibus, seu ordinem tangentibus, vel potius de temporalibus; et si veniat de spiritualibus, seu ordinem tangentibus tractaturus, solus, sine clericis, moretur dum tractaverit de præmissis; sive vero tractaturus veniat de temporalibus, libere cum clericis suis sæcularibus capitulum ingrediatur. Sed si inciderit aliquid tractandum de spiritualibus, seu ordinem tangentibus, statim clerici sæculares sine difficultate recedent, episcopo solo interim, sine clericis suis, remanente. Provisum est etiam, quod omnes pensiones vel redditus, seu beneficia, quæ consueverunt prior et conventus percipere in ecclesiis diocesis Wigorn. et de novo sunt retenta, ipsis statim, et sine difficultate restituantur; et episcopus eis pensiones, seu redditus, nomine perpetui beneficii confirmabit. Omnia autem alia debita, exceptis præmissis, dampna etiam et expensæ, et alia hinc inde petita, ordinarunt dicti provisores ad invicem remittenda, et quod dominus episcopus omnem cum suis eis offensam, rancorem, et indignationem remittat, ipsos ad pacis osculum benignius admittendo; et quod ipsi et alii monachi, qui fuerant domino episcopo, vel memorato W. una cum eodem W. ad invicem sibi rancorem et indignationem remittant, pacis osculo mediante, quod et factum est ibidem in præsentia provisorum. Si vero viderit dictus episcopus ecclesiam Wigorn. reconciliandam, eo quod nuper sine auctoritate illius fuerit reconciliata, libere eam reconciliet, dum tamen sine præjudicio monachorum. Injunxerunt etiam provisores partibus in virtute præstiti juramenti, ut in singulis capitulis fideliter ordinationem præmissam observent. Statuentes nichilominus, ipsam futuris temporibus ab episcopis et monachis Wigorn. qui pro tempore fuerint, in perpetuum observandam. Si quid vero in quæstionibus jam motis fuerit hic omisum, iidem provisores hoc ordinationi suæ plenarie reservarunt. Huic igitur ordinationi in scriptis redactæ, apposuerunt sigilla sua dicti provisores, injungentes dictis episcopo et conventui, ut et ipsi similiter sigilla sua apponant, et priorem, cum creabitur, inducant similiter ad consentiendum præmissis, et quod etiam sigillum suum apponat. Datum in capitulo Wigorn. anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo vicesimo quarto, die Jovis proxima post festum beati Michaelis (x).

(x) Giff. f. 44. b. 45. Angl. Sac. P. 1. f. 543, 544, 545.

69. *Testamentum Godefridi Giffard, quondam episcopi Wygorn.*

IN nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen. Ego, Godefridus Giffard, permissione divina, ecclesie Wygorn. minister, animo testamentum condendi sane mentis existens, illud ordino, et facio in hunc modum. In primis, commendo animam meam Deo, qui ipsam creavit ex nichilo, et in fine temporis resuscitabit per sui misericordiam, et glorificabit cum carne. Et protestor, me in fide catholica velle dies meos fatales finire; nec ab articulis fidei, nec a religione Christiana, seu professione, quam in baptismo sum professus, in vita vel in morte velle recedere quocummodo. Corpus vero meum ordino sepeliendum in ecclesia cathedrali Wygorn. in qua de misericordia Dei Omnipotentis confisus curam episcopalem accepi ac gessi ad tempus. Et rogo caritative, ac moneo in Jesu Christo priorem Wygorn. qui pro tempore sepulture mee preerit ecclesie supradicte, nec non et confratrum ipsius monasterii venerandum collegium, ut corpus meum sepeliant in tumulo, quod juxta magnum altare, a parte dextra, in eodem monasterio, juxta mee voluntatis arbitrium, situatur. Volo autem, quod idem prior, et totus conventus loci ipsius, fratres etiam minores, ac pauperes fratres hospitalium sancti Wlstan, et sancti Oswaldi, nec non et sancte moniales albe de Wystone civitatis Wygorn. ac omnes et singuli, dicta die sepulture mee confluentes ibidem, juxta discretionem executorum meorum, in esculentis et poculentis, ac aliis necessariis, decentius procurentur. Volo etiam, quod omnes in speciali michi servitio adherentes dum vixeram, et moram post sepulturam meam facientes in villa Wygorn. quam diu executores mei ibidem fuerint, meis sumptibus, ut premittitur, sustententur; et quod antequam recedant ad propria, vel alibi, quo voluerint, sibi quod eis legatur, apertius exprimatur, et certus terminus, juxta discretionem executorum meorum, similiter prefigatur, et locus ubi, et quando sua legata recipere valeant, absque tedii dispendio longioris. Et volo, quod omnes pauperes die sepulture mee, pro elemosina recipienda, advenientes ibidem, quilibet eorum habeat unum denarium, vel valorem ejusdem ad minus. Et quod quilibet monachus dicti monasterii Wygorn. habeat in crastino post funus meum traditum sepulture duos solidos sterlingorum, si executores mei tantam pecuniam tunc promptam ad manum habuerint; et si non, certis dies non prolixus immo proximius et vicinius assignetur eisdem ad pecuniam recipiendam predictam, ita quod quilibet eorum de dicta pecunia faciat, prout libuerit, et honestati convenit, absque sui reclamatione prioris, et sed ista complenda C. libr. sterlingorum, vel CC. marcas, si C. libr. nonufficiant ad predicta. Et quia prefata legata sunt corporis mei funeralia vel q. asi, volo, quod pre ceteris, et hoc quam cito commode fieri poterit, premissa omnia solide compleantur. Hiis autem sic juxta voluntatem meam

meam completis, volo, quod omnia debita mea quibuscunque debitoribus meis ad plenum solvantur. Item, do, lego domino Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, qui pro tempore fuerit, anulum capelle mee cum leone, circumvallatum smaragdinibus, qui semper suis successoribus archiepiscopis remaneat, et unum jocale pretii decem marcarum. Item, domino London. episcopo unum anulum, cum secundis melioribus et episcopalibus cirotecis. Et volo, quod quilibet episcopus Cantuariensis provincie habeat unum anulum sibi decentem de meis dum durent, et si non sufficiant, emanantur ad perficiendum quod eis legatur, nullus tamen sit minoris pretii quam L. vel XL. solidorum. Item, do, lego domino regi Anglie unam cuppam pretii X. marcarum, et anulum unum cum pretiosiori rubeto, quem habeo. Teneor autem domino regi in X. libr. quas sibi de bonis meis volo persolvi ad plenum. Ei quia signaculum sancte Crucis recepi, jam est diu in voluntate mittendi unum militem bellatorem in subsidium terre sancte ad generale passagium Anglicorum, volo, quod alicui probo homini dentur L. libr. de bonis meis, pro me ad dictam peregrinationem faciendam. Item, do, lego ecclesie cathedrali Wygorn. meliorem mitram quam habeo, et quam aliquando habui de dono germani mei, quondam Eborum archiepiscopi, una cum amita, stola, et manipulo de preciosissimis margaritis secte ejusdem; et restituentur omnino ecclesie antedictae omnia et singula vestimenta, et alia, que per manus sacriste loci ejusdem in prima creatione mea recepi. Do, lego insuper, dicte ecclesie Wygorn. ciphum meum aureum ad unum calicem faciendum, et XL. solidos ad fabricandum eundem, et unum vestimentum integrum preciosius quod habeo, ad deserviendum pro loco et tempore majori altari, et duas capas chori auro contextas, quasi unius secte in ornamentum ecclesie antedictae, et omnia ornamenta mea de albo diaspero, una cum alba et amita mea de serico ac stola, et manipulo ejusdem secte; do, lego, et assigno ad deserviendum altari capelle Virginis gloriose in ecclesia supradicta. Item, do, lego, et assigno unum vestimentum integrum tertium preciosius quod habeo, carnarie Wygorn. Item, assigno altari sancte Crucis in majori ecclesia cathedrali vestimentum, quod habui de dono domine Mabilie Giffard, abbatisse de Schaftebure, sororis mee, cum paruris sericis plenis scutis, et cum stola et manipulo ejusdem secte, et unam casulam de rubeo Samite, quam habui de dono dicti germani mei, archiepiscopi, et duas fiolas meas argenteas de mea capella. De residuis autem vestimentis meis superius non legatis, ordinent executores mei in pios usus, ubi magis crediderint Domino complacere. Volo tamen, quod spiritualiter provideatur de illis vestimentis residuis majori altari ecclesie albarum monialium de Wystone, ad honorem beate Marie Magdalene, in cujus nomine consecratur; et quod moniales ibidem Deo servientes centum solidos habeant in pecunia numerata nomine legati. Item, do, lego priori ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. qui tempore mortis mee presuerit in eadem, cuppam unam pretii C. sol. et justam unam argenteam ad vinum cum potto uno argenteo ad aquam, et sint de melioribus, juxta discretionem

executorum meorum. Et volo, quod illa transeant ad successores suos, quam diu durent. Item, do, lego fratri N. sacriste Wygorn. qui modo est, si plus me vivat, unum ciphum precii XL. fol. Item, domino J. de Wylinton, unum ciphum precii C. fol. Item, do, lego Willelmo Giffard, meo germano, tres carucas boum in villa de Boytone. Alia autem mobilia ibidem, omnia et singula, et in aliis maneriis, tam mee hereditatis, quam episcopatus, quocunque nomine censeantur inventa, preter ornamenta in capella de Boytone, vendantur omnino ad ultimam voluntatem plenius adimplendam. Item, do, lego eidem domino Willelmo, fratri meo; anulum capelle mee, cum rubeto et smaragdine gemellatum, eo quod archiepiscopus Eborum, meus germanus predictus, eundem michi tanquam suo heredi, et successoribus meis jure hereditario mihi succedentibus legavit; una cum quinque anulis veteribus et preciosis, qui penes me resident in uno laqueo serico colligati, qui fuerunt antecessorum patrimonii mei, et non ecclesie Wygorn. et similiter quatuor cornua de Bugle apud Boytone existentia, ad bibendum, una cum quodam cornu habente pedem argenteum deauratum, quod in mea custodia residet, in forma predicta. Item, do, lego domino Petro de Chauvent ciphum unum precii centum fol. Item domine Agneti Giffard, nepti mee, mon. de Wilton. xx. fol. Item, domine Mabile Giffard, abbatisse de Shaftebure, sorori mee, xx. scutella argentea, cum totidem falsariis, ita quod in usus successorum suarum in illo monasterio, quam diu durent, remaneant, cum uno potto, seu pichero argenteo ad vinum, et alio potto ad aquam, et habeat pomum de ambra. Item, domine Margarete Aucher, nepti mee, de Schaftebure, XL. fol. Item magistro J. de Ebroyc. nepti meo, do, lego mitram unam de margaritis, quasi per totam invelatam, que fuit dicti germani mei archiepiscopi, et unum anulum precii L. vel XL. fol. nec non et Bibliam meam minorem. Item, do, lego domino Henrico Aucher, militi, nepoti meo, x. libr. cum lorica una, et caligis ferreis, et coopertorio ad equum unum. Et volo, quod habeat electionem pre ceteris premissorum. Item, do, lego domino Hugoni de Escote tantundem per omnia, excepta electione. Item, do, lego domino Alexandro de Frivill x. libr. loricam unam, cum caligis ferreis, et coopertorio ad unum equum, et meliorem equum, quem voluerit eligere, de carectariis meis. Item, Johanni Giffard, nepoti meo, x. marcas. Item, Richardo Aucher, nepos meus, habeat x. marcas, et unam loricam, cum caligis ferreis, et coopertorio ad unum equum, nomine legati, cum uno equo de carectariis meis, secundo meliori. Volo etiam, quod Ricardus de Babintone habeat x. marcas, et equum unum, juxta ordinationem executorum meorum. Item, do, lego domine Margarete de Neuville, uxori quondam domini Johannis Giffard, nepti mee, ciphum unum centum solidorum, et unum fermaculum aureum, vel anulum aureum precii LX. fol. Item, Isabelle domicelle sue XL. fol. Item, domine Agnete de Chavente, ciphum unum precii C. fol. et unum anulum L. vel XL. fol. et unum pannum aureum. Item domine Johanne de Wellinton, unum ciphum precii centum fol. Item domine Sibille de

Acton

Acton, nepti mee, unum ciphum precii centum fol. et pottum unum argenteum ad vinum, et alium pottum ad aquam, et melius fermaculum aureum quod habeo, exceptis prelegatis. Item, domine Katerine, uxori domini W. fratris mei, unum ciphum meliorem quem habeo, post legata superius, et pottum unum ad vinum, et alium ad aquam. Item uxori domini Simonis de Crombe, nepti mee, unum pottum argenteum, et ciphum de argento cum XL. fol. Item, domine Sibille de Bodaringham, nepti mee, unum ciphum argenteum pretii C. fol. et viro suo unum anulum precii XL. fol. Item, domine Johanne, uxori domini Hugonis de Efcote, unum fermaculum aureum, et zonam unam precii quinque marcarum. Item domine Johanni, uxori domini Alexandri Friville, zonam unam, et fermaculum aureum precii predicti. Item, do, lego cuilibet de clericis meis commensalibus, unum pannum fericum. Item, do, lego domino Thome de Wycheford, ciphum unum precii C. fol. Item, do, lego cuilibet armigerorum, qui me in aliqua linea consanguinitatis non attingunt, C. fol. Et volo, quod Simon Savage, pincerna meus, qui diu stetit in servitio meo, habeat XX. marcas. Item, do, lego XX. libr Galfrido de Hembure, balivo meo, pro suo diutino servitio mecum habito. Et volo, quod quilibet serviens in coquina aliquid habeat secundum suorum exigentiam meritorum. Ballivi autem terrarum mearum respiciantur satis decenter pro servitio suo, ad arbitrium executorum meorum. Item, Nicholao, camerario meo, lectum meum, una cum una roba integra, ad opus uxoris ejus. Item, do, lego Roberto Cissori, camerario meo, XL. fol. Item, do, lego Roberto, braciatori, quinque marcas; et Andree, hostiario aule XL. fol. Item, Thome, vigili, XL. fol. et omnibus aliis valettis, de officio, XX. fol. Item, do, lego cuilibet clericorum meorum de capella, qui de beneficio ecclesiastico non sit provifus, XL. fol. Et volo, quod omnes carectarii et palefridarii mei, et custodes fomeriorum meorum respiciantur decenter, secundum discretionem executorum meorum, et moram diutinam, quam mecum fecerunt. Item, do, lego monialibus de Stodeley, Com. Oxon. unum pannum fericum. Item, fratribus minoribus Wygorn. C. fol. et fratri Edmundo de Mandevile ejusdem ordinis, XL. fol. Item, pauperibus fratribus hospitalis sancti Wlftani Wygorn. XL. fol. et hospitalis sancti Oswaldi loci ejusdem, XX. fol. Item fratribus Predicatoribus Glouc. XL. fol. et fratribus Minoribus loci ejusdem, tantundem. Item fratribus de monte Carmeli loci ejusdem, i. marcam. Item, hospitali sancti Bartholomei loci ejusdem, Glouc. i. marcam. Item, fratribus Minoribus Bristoll. XL. fol. et fratribus Predicatoribus ibidem, XL. fol. et fratribus de monte Carmeli ibidem. i. marcam; et fratribus de Saccis ibidem, dimidiam marcam. Item, Predicatoribus Warr. XL. fol. Item volo, quod quilibet executorum meorum habeat unum jocale precii C. fol. et aliquam platam argenteam in mei memoriam specialem, et pottum unum, si sufficient. Et si aliquis legatorum meorum premoriatur, extinguantur sibi legata, et aliis cedant legatariis, vel pauperibus erogentur, juxta discretionem executorum meorum. Ad hanc autem meam ultimam voluntatem complendam, assigno executoribus

bus meis omnia bona mea ubicunque inventa, etiam omnia debita, que mihi à quocumque debentur. Assigno etiam ad id idem faciendum omnes libros meos, cujuscumque fuerint facultatis, et in manibus quorumcumque existant, nisi aliter, me superstitite, ordinavero de eisdem, quod intendo facere, Domino disponente. Et ad premissa omnia et singula solide facienda, si facultas affuerit, et similiter defalcanda, si necessitas id exposcat, ordino, facio, et constituo, per presentes, meos executores, videlicet, dominum Walterum de Berton, rectorem ecclesie de Bredon, magistrum Johannem Rodeberge, rectorem ecclesie de Herlebure, dominum Bartholomeum de Devyses, Johannem de Staneway, rectorem ecclesie de Rippil, et Galfridum de Hembure. Quod si aliquis vel aliqui executorum istorum recusent vel recuset administrationem hujus executionis admittere, seu etiam premoriatur, vel premoriantur, tunc statim liceat aliis executoribus loco recusantis, vel recusantium, defuncti seu defunctorum executorum ipsorum, alium, seu alios ad hoc ydoneos, quotienscumque et quandocumque voluerint, substituere, ponere, et assignare, ac subrogare, eorum propria auctoritate, sine assensu querendo alicujus ordinarii, prout in suis conscientiis melius viderint expedire. Executoribus autem predictis in remissionem peccatorum suorum injungo, quod predictum laborem non recusent subire, quos volo de bonis meis procurari decenter, quotienscumque eos circa predicta legata contigerit laborare. Dat' apud Kemeseyam juxta Wygorn. Idus Septembris, anno Domini M^o. CCC^o. primo. Presentibus testibus infra scriptis, videlicet, magistro Alexandro de Bourlyngham, dominis Thoma de Pershora, Johanne de Haveke, Wilhelmo de eadem) Johannes de Acton non fuit presens) Wilhelmo de Burton, clerico, elemosinario meo, et aliis ad hoc vocatis, una cum magistro Roberto de Sutton, clerico (a).

(a) Geynsb. f. 17.

70. *Licentia eligendi episcopum à rege concessa.*

EDwardus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie, dilectis sibi in Christo priori et conventui Wygorn. salutem. Accedentes ad nos fratres Gilbertus de Maddeleya, et Johannes de Harley, monachi vestri, cum literis patentibus capituli vestri, nobis ex parte vestra humiliter supplicarunt, quod cum ecclesia vestra predicta, per mortem bone memorie Godefridi, nuper episcopi loci illius, pastoris sit solatio destituta, alium vobis eligendi in episcopum et pastorem licentiam vobis concedere dignaremur: Nos igitur, precibus vestris in hac parte favorabiliter inclinati, licentiam illam vobis duximus concedendam. Mandantes, quod talem vobis eligatis in episcopum et pastorem, qui Deo devotus, regimini ecclesie vestre necessarius, nobisque in regno nostro utilis et fidelis, existat. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso, apud Welloure xv. die Februarii anno regni nostri tricesimo. Per breve de privato sigillo. (b)

71. *Presentatio electi ad regem.*

Excellentissimo domino suo domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Anglie illustri, domino Hibernie, et duci Aquitanie, devoti sui monachi, Johannes, prior, et capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. salutem in eo, qui dat salutem regibus, cum omni reverentia et honore. Celsitudini regie presentibus literis intimamus, quod felicitis recordationis domino Godefrido, quondam episcopo nostro, viam universe carnis ingresso, et ipsius corpore ecclesiastice tradito sepulture, concessaque nobis à vestra maiestate licentia eligendi: Nos, voluntate vnanimi et consensu, virum providum et discretum fratrem Johannem de sancto Germano ecclesie nostre monachum, canonice elegimus nobis in episcopum et pastorem. Hinc est, quod eundem fratrem predictum electum nostrum excellentie vestre per fratres Stephanum de Wytton, suppriorem, et Gilbertum de Maddeleya, sacristam, ecclesie nostre monachos, seu per eorum alterutrum presentamus, supplicantes humiliter et devote, quatinus electioni nostre de predicto Johanne facte, assensum dignemini regium benignius imperiri, vestras super hoc literas patentes domino Cantuariensi episcopo, totius Anglie primati, si placet, dirigentes. In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium literas communi sigillo nostri capituli sigillatas, dominationi vestre, quem in longitudinem dierum Rex regum conservet Omnipotens, mittimus has patentes. Dat' in capitulo nostro Wygorn. iiii°. Kal. Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo secundo (c).

(b) Registrum sede vacante, p. 1. b. (c) Ibid.

72. *Litera regia ad papam pro electo Wygorn.*

SANCTISSIMO in Christo patri domino B. divina providentia sancte Romane ac universalis ecclesie summo pontifici, Edwardus, eadem gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie, devota pedum oscula beatorum. Religiosus vir electus Wygorn. nostro favore confusus ad vos sub ea spe nostras literas impetravit, quod dominationem vestram in electionis de se facte negotiis favorabiliorem debeat invenire. Pro ipso itaque, qui de honestis moribus et literarum peritia commendatur, sanctitati vestre attento supplicamus affectu, quatinus predictum electum in dictis suis negociis habentes, si placet speciali benevolentia commendatum, sic sibi Apostolicum benigne favorem impendere dignemini super illis, quod nostra sibi sentiat rogamina fructuosa. Conservet vos Altissimus ad regimen ecclesie sue sancte per tempora prospera et longa. Dat' apud Westm. v. die Augusti, anno regni nostri tricesimo (d).

73. *Litera capituli Wygorn. ad papam pro eodem electo.*

SANCTISSIMO in Christo patri, et domino, domino B. divina providentia sacro sancte Romane et universalis ecclesie summo pontifici, sui humiles et devoti prior et capitulum ecclesie Wygorn. devota pedum oscula beatorum. Sumunt servi scribendi fiduciam et audaciam supplicandi, non tam de propriis meritis, sed de clementia et bonitate patris sui et domini confidentes. Sane ecclesia nostra predicta nuper viduata pastore: Nos ad electionem futuri pontificis procedentes, inter alios, quos eidem ecclesie utiles esse conspeximus, ad fratrem Johannem de sancto Germano, nostrum commonachum et confratrem, morum elegantia preditum, ac laudabilis vite conversatione preclarum, literarumque scientia decoratum, nostre considerationis intuitum convertentes, concorditer ipsum elegimus in dicte ecclesie nostre episcopum et pastorem. Cum itaque dictus electus pro electionis de se facte negotio ad presentiam vestre sanctitatis accedat, dominationi vestre flexis genibus prece qua possumus humiliter supplicamus, quatinus personam ipsius electi, veluti benemeritam gratiosis, si placet, affectibus prosequentes, ipsum dignemini in hujusmodi suo negotio paterne benevolentie gratia confovere. Speramus autem, et credimus, quod per ipsius circumspectionis industriam prefata ecclesia nostra, Deo propitio, dirigetur salubriter, providi gubernatione pastoris (e).

(d) Ibid. f. 8. (e) Ibid.

74. *Dimissio prioris à jurisdictione.*

Robertus, permissione divina, Cantuar. archiepiscopus, totius Anglie primas, dilecto filio, officiali nostro Wygorn. sede vacante, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Quia venerabilem fratrem nostrum dominum W. Dei gratia, episcopum Wygorn. nobis à sede Apostolica commendatum benigne suscepimus, qui professionem canonicam nobis et ecclesie nostre Cantuariensi fecit, ut debuit: Vobis committimus, et mandamus, quatinus eidem episcopo, vel cuicumque ad hoc deputando per eum, custodiam spiritualium episcopatus Wygorn. liberetis integraliter sine mora. Salvis nobis ac etiam nostre nocioni et decisioni impofterum, omnibus correctionum negotiis dicte dioceseos, coram nobis, aut nostras vices gerentibus ante datam presentium inchoatis. Et nos super hoc certificetis opportune, cum congrue fueritis requisiti. Dat' apud Lametheth vii. Id. Febr. anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo secundo, consecrationis nostre nono (f).

75. *Litera directa priori Wygorn. super expeditionem electorum Elyens. et Wygorn. ad curiam Romanam.*

Patri suo reverendo domino Johanni de Wyke, priori Wygorn. suus humilis et devotus frater, Ricardus de Bromwyke salutem et reverentiam debitam cum honore. Literas cujusdam monachi Elyensis, qui cum electo Elyensi ad curiam Romanam iter arripuit, receperunt studentes Oxon. sub hiis verbis: ' Venerabili cetui fratribus, Laurentio de Gloucestre, sacre theologie doctore, Wilhelmo de Camme, priori monasterii ordinis sancti Benedicti, monachisque ibidem provincie Cantuariensis studentibus, suorum humilis, si placet, frater Alanus de Hemmingstone ecclesie Elyensis monachus, salutem, et quicquid saluti congruit et honori. Cum post recessum domini electi Elyensis, et familie sue in exitu regni Francie supervenit eisdem familie dispersio, quorundam incarceration, eorum et aliorum bonorum amissio; tandem, ut Altissimo placuit, post multa viarum discrimina, excepto uno famulo, sunt congregati pauperes valde pecunia, sed sani corporibus, iii. Id. Oct. una cum electo Wygorn. urbem Romanam dicti elect. et familia ingrediabantur, et salutato domino papa, ut decuit, et cardinalibus, negotium electionis Elyensis die Mercurii proxima sequenti, videlicet, Translationis beate Etheldrithe, virginis, coram dictis dominis papa et cardinalibus proponebatur, Quo die cessit juri suo electus Wygorn. ac die Sabbati proxima sequenti iterato fuit propositum pro parte discussum. Deinde, die Lune proxima id negotium coram eisdem agitabatur, et recitatis publice in consistorio per

(f) Registrum sed vac. f. 15. b.

‘ prefatum Elyensem questionibus et responſionibus ſuis alias coram vene-
 ‘ rabili patre domino archiepiſcopo Cant. factis, commiſſa fuit tribus do-
 ‘ minis, Matheo Rubeo, Leonardo Alanenſi, et fratri Gentili cardinalibus.
 ‘ Dominus papa publice ſedens in conſiſtorio, poſt ſuam predicationem,
 ‘ ut in poſterum audietis, prefecit fratrem Willelmum de Gaynesbure
 ‘ eccleſie Wygorn. et electum Elyensem eccleſie Elyenſi in epiſcopos et
 ‘ paſtores, quod vobis, ut credo, ſuper hujus expeditione, quoad eccleſiam
 ‘ Elyensem exultantibus per preſentes ſignifico, ſuper etiam conſecrationem
 ‘ ipſius electi Elyenſis, et à ſede Apoſtolica licentiam in brevi recedendi.
 ‘ — Valete in Domino. Dat’ Rome nono Kal. Novembris, anno Domini
 ‘ M^o. CCC^o. ſecundo.’

Hec nova mihi fuit amariffima. Verum jam verificatur illud, quod dicitur
 in Proverbiis, *Donum hominis dilatat viam ejus, et inter principes ſpatium eẽ
 faciet.* Valeat paternitas veſtra in Chriſto, et in Virgine glorioſa (g).

76. *De intronizatione W. de Geynesboruwe.*

Memorandum, quod in Vigilia Tranſlationis ſancti Edmundi, Cant. ar-
 chiepiſcopi, et ſanctorum Primi et Feliciani martyrum, viz. vi. Id.
 Jun. epiſcopus frater W. de Geynesboruwe pernoctavit ad Kemeſeyam, et
 frater Johannes de Wyke, prior Wygorn. comedit cum ipſo illo die; et
 dixit priori, quod non arriperet iter verſus Wygorniam pro ſua introniza-
 tione in craſtino, antequam prior veniret ſibi apud Kemeſeyam. Tum pri-
 or annuebat ei, ex gratia ſpeciali, quod ſibi veniret, cum ex conſuetudine tan-
 tum per leucam deberet ſibi obviaſſe, ſic patet in Conſuetudinario. Et fu-
 it intronizatus anno gratie MCCCIII. et anno regni regis Edwardi, filii
 regis Henrici, treceſimo primo, litera Dominicali F. Luna XI. die Tranſla-
 tionis ſancti Edmundi, Cant. archiepiſcopi, et ſanctorum martyrum Primi
 et Feliciani, ſc. v. Id. Jun. ſub tali modo. Prior predictus mane venit ad
 eum apud Kemeſeyam, cum ſacriſta, et capellano, et alio monacho, cum
 alia familia ſua, et dicebat ei, quod hora fuit eundi. Epiſcopus conceſſit,
 quia die preterita dicebat, ſe velle intronizari, ſi fieri poſſet, ante horam
 tertiam, propter calorem diei, et occurſum populi. Statim obviaverunt ſibi
 abbates, ſcil. de Eweſham, Teukesb. Perſore, et alii prelati; ſimiliter obvi-
 averunt ſibi epiſcopi Herefordie et Landavenſis, cum archidiaconis pluribus;
 ſimiliter milites Thomas de Berkeleya, et Hugo de Veyr; idem Thomas
 fuit ſeneſcallus ſuus ad feſtum, et fuerunt eſtimati ſeptingenti equites ſibi
 obviantes, et plures. Prima proceſſio ville obviavit ſibi prope Redehull,
 ſecunda proceſſio fuit fratrum Minorum, et obviavit ſibi extra domum
 ſancti Wolſtani. Et tunc temporis ibi primo deſcendebat, et ibidem diſ-
 calceavit ſe. Statim fuit paratus magiſter Roggerus de Bondone, ex parte

J. archid. Cant. et accepit palefridum suum cum cella ; similiter accepit capam suam, et capellum, pyleum, botas, caligas, pedut. tm. Calumpniavit insuper cuppam suam, cum x. marcis pro expensis suis, nec satisfecit ei statim de cuppa et x. marc. petiit enim diem episcopus ad inquirendum et consulendum, si predecessores sui ita fecere, vel consuetudo se ita haberet.

Perrexit statim nudis pedibus, et intravit cymiterium ad gradum juxta prioris portam. Obviavit sibi conventus revestitus, secundum quod moris est, similiter episcopi et alii prelati revestiti, obviaverunt et fecerunt, quod incumbibat sicut potuerunt, propter concursum populi : cantore incipiente, *R. sint lumbi.* Prelati cum conventu euntes ad ecclesiam, intelligentes, quod episcopus veniret cum ipsis, et non fecit. Interim episcopus usus consilio quorundam, intravit ecclesiam sancti Michaelis, et induit se ibi pontificalibus, et sic intravit per chorum revestitus versus altare, et adoravit super sedile, ipso adorato, surrexit ; perrexit ad altare, et osculatus est illud, et optulit iii. pannos deauratos, et ibi dedit primo benedictionem. Tunc divertebat se versus stallum suum juxta chorum, ubi deberet intronizari, priore ipsum sequente cum episcopis, et aliis prelati. Statim magister Roggerus de Bondone predictus legit commissionem suam sibi factam ex parte J. archidiaconi Cant. sub isto tenore, episcopo interim stante, et aliis : ' J. archidiaconus Cantuar. dilecto sibi in Christo magistro Roggero de Bondone, salutem in auctore salutis. Ad intronizandum, seu installandum venerabilem patrem dom. W. Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopum, auctoritate curie Cantuariensis, ac vice, et nomine nostro, in predicta ecclesia Wygorn. et ad faciendum omnia et singula, que super intronizatione seu installatione hujus per nos forent, si presentes essemus, quomodolibet facienda ; nec non ad petendum et recipiendum nomine nostro, quecunque ratione predictae intronizationis seu installationis ad nos debent de jure vel de consuetudine pertinere, vobis, tenore presentium, committimus vices nostras. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Dat' apud Hathefeld iii. Kal. Junii, anno Domini M^o. trecentesimo tertio.' Statim, lecta commissione, dicebat clericus predictus ista verba, ' Virtute istius commissionis mihi facta, EGO INTRO- NIZO TE,' et fecit ipsum tunc primo sedere in cathedra. Statim episcopus Herfordie incepit, *TE DEUM LAUDAMUS*, cantore cum conventu, et aliis, prosequendis precibus sollempniter usque ad finem. Tunc dedit episcopus benedictionem, secunda vice, in stalli suo. Postea statim intravit vestiarius, fecit lavare pedes suos, et induit sandala, et celebravit Missam sollempniter de sancto Wlstan. Missa finita, dedit audientibus Missam XL. dies indulgentiarum, et sic intraverunt curiam episcopi ad festum ; fuit utique ista solempnitas facta in Octavis Trinitatis, scilicet, v. Id. Junii, ut supra (b).

(b) Reg. fed. vac. f. 13. b.

77. *Litera H. de Bluntesdon, elemosinarii domini E. regis Anglie, per quam concessit fratri W. de Geynesbure, episcopo Wygorn. C. libras, in quibus domus nostra sibi tenebatur*

Religiosis viris in Christo sibi dilectis, J. priori ecclesie beate Marie Wygorn. et ejusdem loci conventui, Henricus de Bluntesdon, archd. Leycest. ac domini nostri regis Anglie elemosinarius, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Cum nos venerabili Patri Domino fratri W. Wygorn. episcopo karissimo amico nostro usum centum librarum, in quibus nobis tenemini concesserimus ad ipsum relevandum pro parte quantum ad expensas circa intronizationem suam faciendam, cujus preteritu nollem aliqua ratione, quod idem episcopus hac nostra concessione indebite frustraretur, vos rogamus affectione et conamine, quo possumus amplecti quatinus in instanti maxima necessitate ipsius episcopi, solutionem prefate pecunie sic accelerare curetis, ut inde, sicut optamus, valeat relevari in intronizationis sue sumptibus exsolvendis, ita duntaxat, quod citra festum beati Petri ad vincula ipsa integre persolvatur. Istud nullatenus omittentes, sicut offensam nostram evitare, ac per nos, seu amicos nostros, siquid vobis gratum aut utile fuerit, de cetero volueritis expediri. Per latorem presentium nobis nichilominus rescribatis indilate, qualiter hoc nostrum desiderium cum celeritate optata duxeritis exaudire. Cum enim apud nos fixum fuerit, quod pater vester episcopus ad presens per subventionem tante pecunie relevetur, displiceret nobis, si contra vos per viam aliam quam amicabilem procedere cogeremur. Valete. Dat' apud Kyrkham die Martis, in festo sancti Gregorii anno Domini M^o. CCC^o. secundo.

Recepta fuit ista litera die sanctorum Cyricii, et episcopo existente apud Kemeseyam, et fuit iste dies octavus dies intronizationis sue (i).

(i) Ibid. f. xix. a.

78. *Litera regis ad papam.*

PAPÆ rex devota pedum oscula beatorum.

Amor paternus tunc in filium benevolentia suæ radios affluentius administrat, cum in patris affectibus clementius exauditur obsecratio filialis. Sane, pater sanctissime, nuper favente Salvatoris clementia, mordentis omnia mortis impietas, felicitis recordationis, fratrem W. de Gaynesburgh, quondam episcopum Wygorniensem, ad vestrae sanctitatis praesentiam, pro quibusdam dicti regni negotiis, per claræ memoriae dominum E. quondam regem Angliæ, patrem nostrum transmissum apud Belvacum in regno Franciæ, in sui itineris regressu, de laboribus vocaverat ad quietem. Cujus obitu religiosus viris priori et conventui dictæ ecclesiæ Wygorniensis veraciter nuntiato, ipsi tanquam legentes sibi sine patre, petita à nobis licentia eligendi, prout ex consuetudine, et ex jure patronatus nostri ad nos dinoscitur pertinere, pariter et obtenta, dilectum clericum W. Reginaldum, thesaurarium nostrum (virum utique consilii maturitate conspicuum, discretionem providum, quem vitæ conversatio, morum honestas, laudabiliaque decorant gratiarum munera et virtutum, quemque in spiritualibus novimus et temporalibus circumspexit, cuius etiam probata fidelitas ipsum nobis, et populo regni nostri gratum reddit multipliciter et acceptum, et penes quem sic affectio nostra exuberat, quod sui commodi et honoris augmentum præ cæteris clericis nostris, pro quibus et eorum negotiis vobis hactenus scripsisse meminimus, cordis ex intimo respicimus et optamus) in patrem ejusdem ecclesiæ et pastorem unanimiter et concorditer, prout Altissimo placuit, elegerunt. Nos igitur, ob aliquas certas causas, prædictæ electionis examinationem et confirmationem totalemque ejusdem negotii expeditionem, per alios, vel alium, quam per administratorem spiritualitatis archiepiscopatus Cantuar. per vos ibidem deputatum, expediri corditer affectantes, vestrae sanctitati devotissime supplicamus, quatinus tam concordie electione, utilitateque dictæ ecclesiæ, quam affectu nostro ac ipsius electi humilitate paterna meditatione pensatis, aliquibus vel alicui de regno nostro dictæ Cantuar. ecclesiæ suffraganeis vel suffraganeo, de quibus, vel quo, vestra providentia decreverit ordinandum, qui in illius electionis negotio, auctoritate dictæ ecclesiæ Cantuar. in eventu consensus ejusdem electi, sublatum cujuslibet dilectionis obstaculo, procedere valeant vel valeat, dignetur committere et mandare. Vestra paternitas reverenda sic benigne, sicque gratiose personam nostram in ipso electo dignemini contemplari, ut idem thesaurarius noster, immo nos in persona ejusdem votum, ut firmiter speramus, optatum per vestrae gratitudinis gratiam consequamur, nosque propterea clementiæ vestrae ad gratiarum actiones assurgere teneamur. Conservet, &c. Dat' apud Langele 2. die Novembris, anno Domini 1307. regni vero nostri primo.

Et

Et eodem tempore scripsit P. Sabinensi episcopo pro eodem electo, et quatuor presbyteris cardinalibus, et quinque diaconis cardinalibus (k).

79. *Forma, sub qua dominus Walterus in episcopum Wygorn. auctoritate Apostolica erat presectus.*

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Waltero, electo Wygorn. salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Pastoralis officii nobis, quanquam immeritis, super universas orbis ecclesias divina dispositione commissa, cura frequens sollicitat mentem nostram, ut de ipsarum ecclesiarum statu prospero cogitemus, pro illis maxime regendis salubriter ac feliciter dirigendis provisionis nostre ministerium propensius exercentes, que propriis destitute pastoribus vacationis incommodis exponuntur, ut per idem ministerium eis in pastores viri preficiantur ydonei, per quorum studiosam solertiam et industriam circumspectam eedem ecclesie in spiritualibus florent, et in temporalibus augeantur. Dudum siquidem ecclesia Wygorn. per obitum bone memorie Guillelmi episcopi Wygorn. pastoris solatio destituta. Nos, ex certis rationabilibus causis, provisionem ipsius ecclesie, ea vice, dispositioni nostre, ac sedis Apostolice, duximus reservandam, decernentes ex tunc irritum et inane, si secus super hoc scienter vel ignoranter contingeret attentari. Sed prior et capitulum ejusdem ecclesie te canonicum ecclesie sancti Pauli Londinensis, post conservationem predictam et decretum hujus, per formam compromissi in eorum episcopum elegerunt. Tuque intellecto de reservatione ac decreto predictis, licet tibi, ut asseritur, non constaret de ipsis, prebere tuum consensum electioni hujus recusasti, de prefata reservatione certitudinem expectando. Cumque per literas carissimi in Christo filii nostri Edwardi, regis Anglorum illustris, nobis fuerit humiliter supplicatum, ut te suum thesaurarium et familiarem, quem de virtutum insignitum titulis multipliciter commendavit, preficere in pastorem predictae Wygorn. ecclesie dignaremur. Nos attendentes electionem eandem contra reservationem et decretum prefata fuisse presumptam, eam, non tamen persone tue vicio, auctoritate Apostolica irritam, exigente justitia, decrevimus, et inanem. Postmodum autem ad provisionem dicte Wygorn. ecclesie faciendam cepimus intendere diligenter, et post deliberationem, quam ad deputandum regimini ejusdem ecclesie famosam ydoneamque personam, cum fratribus nostris habuimus, in te, quem literarum scientia, morum honestas, vite virtus, spiritualium prudentia, circumspectio temporalium, fame laudabilis odor, et aliarum insignium claritas meritorum, nobis et eisdem fratribus acceptabilem repre-

(k) Rymeri Foedera, T. 3. p. 27, 28, 29.

sentant, direximus tandem aciem nostre mentis, teque, licet absentem, hujus virtutum et gratiarum, quibus personam tuam decoravit Altissimus, exigentibus meritis, nec non predicti regis in hac parte devotis supplicationibus inclinati, de fratrum predictorum consilio eidem ecclesie Wygorn. preficimus in episcopum et pastorem, curam et administrationem plenam atque liberam ipsius Wygorniensis ecclesie tibi, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, committendo, in eo qui dat gratias, et largitur premia; confidentes, quod dicta Wygorn. ecclesia sub tuo felici regimine, dextera Domini tecum faciente virtutem, preservabitur à noxiis et adversis, et conservata feliciter sub umbra tui nominis exultabit, ac tu inibi velut fidelis villicus fideliter villicabis, et tanquam pastor ydoneus verbo proficies pariter et exemplo. Quocirca discretionis tue per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus impositum tibi onus à Domino suscipiens reverenter, ei que submittens humiliter collum tuum, eandem Wygorn. ecclesiam diligas ac dirigas, ut sponsam divinitus tibi datam, et curam ac administrationem predictas, sic geras fideliter, et sollicite prosequaris, quod ipsa Wygorn. ecclesia, sponso perutili ac fructuoso administratori gaudeat se commissam, tuque propterea concrevens virtutibus et latioris fame claritate refulgens, nostram ac ejusdem sedis benedictionem et gratiam digne valeas promere, ac demum tanquam fidelis servus et prudens, cum multiplicatis talentis in eterna Domini tabernacula letabundus introeas, cum electis premium recepturus. Dat' Pictavis prid. Id. Febr. pontificatus nostri anno tertio (1).

(1) Reg. sed. vac. f. LVI.

Mandatum Apostolicum, ut prior et capitulum Wygorn. predicto domino W. tanquam pastori obediant et intendant.

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis priori et capitulo eccl. Wyg. salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. *Pastoralis officii*--- ut supra, mutatis mutandis, usque ad *pariter et exemplo*. Quocirca universitati vestre per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus eidem electo, tanquam patri et pastori animarum vestrarum, plene ac humiliter intendentes obedientiam et reverentiam debitam sibi exhibere curetis, ejus salubria monita et mandata suscipiendo devote ac efficaciter adimplendo. Alioquin sententiam, quam ipse ritu tulerit in rebelles, ratam habebimus, et faciemus, auctore Domino, usque ad satisfactionem condignam, inviolabiliter observari. Dat' Pictavis, ut supra.

Memorandum, quod iste Bulle publicate fuerunt in ecclesia cathedrali Wygorn. circa horam diei tertiam, feria secunda ebdomad. Pasche, videlicet, xviii. Kal. Maii, anno Domini M^o. CCC^o. octavo (m).

80. *Commissio facta episcopo Landavensi.*

Venerabili in Christo patri domino J. Dei gratia, Landaven. episcopo W. permissione divina Wygorn. episcopus, salutem in vero saluari. Locorum distantias in nostra diocesi aliquales, et cure gravis nobis incumbentis sollicitudinem pastorem, nostramque circa regis et regni Anglie negotia occupationem notoriam multipliciter advertentes; ad relevamen ac commodum, et utilitatem subditorum, ut speramus, nostrorum considerationes habentes, ecclesias, basilicas, altaria et superaltaria, et ecclesiarum cimiteria, nondum Deo dedicata, in nostra diocesi, consecrandi, et reconciliandi ipsa loca sic consecrata, cum ea contigerit prophanari, religionem ingredientium votum professionis solemnis admittendi, indulgentias nostras subditis concedendi, confessiones eorumdem de commissis in casibus de jure nobis reservatis specialiter audiendi, et confitentibus salutes penitentias injungendi, parvulos confirmandi, virgines consecrandi, personis literatis, quas ad ministerium ecclesie aptas reputaveritis, primam conferendi tonsuram, clericos nostre dioceseos per magistros Johannem de Rudberwe, officialem nostrum, et Johannem Bradewass, sequestratorem nostrum, admittendos, et vobis presentandos, nec non et clericos vestre dioceseos in diocesi nostra ad omnes ordines ordinandi, locis et temporibus opportunis, procuraciones debitas ab ecclesiarum rectoribus, vel ecclesias in proprios usus obtinentibus, vel eorum vicariis, cum per vos aliqua loca ipsorum contigerit dedicari, seu reconciliari, petendi et recipiendi vobis vices nostras cum coercionis canonica potestate committimus per

(m) Ibid. f. LVI, LVII.

presentes, donec easdem duxerimus revocandas. In cuius rei testimonium litteras nostras sigillo nostro signatas vobis fieri fecimus has patentes. Dat' London. iii. Non. Dec. anno Domini M^o. CCC^o. octavo, et consecrationis nostre primo.

Walterus, permissione divina, Wygorn. episcopus, dilectis filiis archidiaconis, eorum officialibus, aliisque suis commissariis, ac locorum decanis, ceterisque viris ecclesiasticis in Wygorn. dioc. constitutis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum venerabilis pater, dominus J. Dei gratia Landaven. episcopus intime per nos fuerit requisitus, ut in dedicationibus, reconciliationibus ecclesiarum, basilicarum, cimiteriorum, et altarium, benedictionibus virginum, confirmationibus parvulorum, ac ordinum celebratione, et aliis articulis, nobis, ex officii nostri debito, multipliciter incumbentibus, cum res exegerit, ipsumque per dictam nostram dioecesim contingerit pertransire onus pro nobis subire, laboremque suum in nostri relevamen impendere caritatis affectu curaret: Nos prefati patris, nostro beneplacito in hiis favorabiliter sui gratia annuentis, honestatem, prudentiam, peritiam, et discretionem non modicum ponderantes in articulis prenotatis, et aliis in nostra littera facta super hoc insertis, eidem patri fiducialiter commisimus vices nostras. Quocirca vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatinus patrem memoratum, cum pro executione nostri officii, ut premittitur, per vos transire contingat, cum debita reverentia admittatis gratanter, et officio ejus exequendo necessaria preparetis. Illos etiam, qui habent parvulos confirmandos, ut pro eorum confirmatione locis congruis et temporibus debitis, ac etiam universos et singulos, que dictum patrem, ratione officii nostri eidem in hac parte commissi contingere poterunt, reverenter accedant ad eum circumquaque per loca premuniatis, ut decet, &c. In cuius, &c. Dat' ut supra (n).

(n) Reyn f. 3. 2.

81. *Ne Eborum archiepiscopus Crucem erigat in diocesi Wygorn.*

Reverendo in Christo patri et domino Waltero, Dei gratia, Cantuar. archiepiscopo, totius Anglie primate, Walterus, permissione ejusdem Wygorn. ecclesie minister humilis, salutem, cum omni obedientia, reverentia, et honore. Mandatum vestrum in castro de Elmeleye xvii. Kal. Julii, anno Domini infra scripto, circa horam dictæ diei nonam recepimus, [continentem] tenorem infra scriptum :

Walterus, permissione divina, Cant. archiepiscopus, totius Anglie primas, venerabili fratri domino W. Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopo, salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Regiminis suscepti nos cura sollicitat, ut pro tuitione status et jurium ecclesie nostre ipsis prejudicare, vel ea perturbare conantibus, remediis quibus poterimus congruis obviemus. Cum igitur dominus Eborum archiepiscopus vestram diocesim infra nostram Cant. provinciam sit ingressus, moram faciens in eadem, ne per provinciam vestram infra vestram diocesim incedens Crucem suam coram se erigi faciat, vel differri; ne etiam populares earumdem vestre, et provincie nostre inclinando benedictionibus ipsius archiepiscopi, et aliis modis, contra inhibitiones pupplicas, tam per nos, quam predecessores nostros, prius factas, nequiter obedire, vel periculose favere presumant, in nostram et ecclesie nostre Cant. ac juris ejusdem, injuriam et prejudicium manifestum, ad quorum quidem jurium conservationem vos nuperrime professionis vestre vinculo fortius astringistis, licet inde, ut videtur, immemores hujus irrogato prejudicio defensionis vestre clipeo omiseritis penitus obviare; vobis committimus, et in virtute obedientie firmiter injungendo mandamus, quod statim, receptis presentibus, quam citius fieri poterit oportune, in singulis ecclesiis et locis publicis vestre dioceseos, ubi timetur dictum posse prejudicium imminere, nichilum districtius faciatis, sub pena excommunicationis majoris, ne quis eidem domino archiepiscopo taliter incedenti suis benedictionibus inclinando vel aliter faveat quoquo modo. Ad ipsum etiam dominum archiepiscopum vestram diocesim sic ingressum personaliter accedentes, eundem nominatim, et omnes sibi adherentes, statim moneri canonice faciatis, et sub pena canonice districtiois artius inhiberi, ne ipse archiepiscopus Crucem suam coram se in nostra Cantuariensi provincia erigi faciat, seu deferri, vel aliquis de sibi adherentibus ipsam Crucem sic deferat, vel delationi ejusdem opem conferat vel assensum. Denuntiantes eidem domino archiepiscopo taliter incedenti, et ceteris supradictis, quod si quicquam in nostri prejudicium, contra monitiones vestras, presumpserit attemptare, censuras ecclesiasticas pro defensione juris ecclesie nostre in hac parte dissimulare non poterimus contra eos, prout justum fuerit, exercere. In omnibus insuper locis vestre jurisdictionis, per que idem dominus archiepiscopus incedendo transierit, vel sic incedens moram fecerit, durante incessu ac mora hujus, faciatis à divinis, et publica pulsatione campanarum cessari. De nomini-

' bus etiam subditorum vestrorum omnium dicto domino archiepiscopo
 ' contra inhibitionem memoratam faventium et obedientium diligentius
 ' inquirentes, seu facientes inquiri, omnes, quos super hoc inveneritis cul-
 ' pabiles aut rebelles, per censuras ecclesiasticas puniatis. Censuras easdem
 ' absque nostra licentia nullatenus remittentes. Et ne presens mandatum
 ' nostrum sepius iterari oporteat, vobis injungimus firmiter, in virtute o-
 ' bedientie, qua ecclesie nostre supradicte tenemini, quatinus omnia supra-
 ' scripta, toto tempore vestri regiminis, diligentius observetis, et faciatis in
 ' posterum firmiter observari. Diem vero receptionis presentium, et for-
 ' mam executionis omnium premissorum, ac causam quare, juxta professi-
 ' onis vestre debitum, hujus prejudicio, in quo quod id vos latere potuit,
 ' excusatio justa et vera pretendi non poterit, sicut probabiliter tenemini
 ' haftenus occurrere distulistis. Similiter et quando vestram extitit dioce-
 ' cesim dictus dominus archiepiscopus sic ingressus, et per quantum tempus
 ' moram traxit in eadem, nobis rescribere non tardetis per vestras paten-
 ' tes literas harum seriem continentes. Dat' apud Lameth. ii. Id. Ju-
 ' nii, anno Domini M. CCC°. quinto decimo.

Hujus igitur vestre pie paternitatis auctoritate mandati literis vestris re-
 ceptis, statim in singulis ecclesiis et locis publicis nostre dioceseo, ubi ti-
 metur posse dictum prejudicium imminere, et aliis, quibus expedire, di-
 strictius fecimus inhiberi, sub pena excommunicationis majoris, nequis dic-
 to domino archiepiscopo taliter, ut premittitur, incedenti suis benedic-
 tionibus inclinando vel aliter faveat quoquomodo, ad dictum dominum
 archiepiscopum, quam citius commode possimus personaliter accessuri, quod
 et omnes sibi adherentes moneri canonice faciemus, ne Crucem suam co-
 ram se in vestra Cantuariensi provincia erigi faciat, seu deferri, vel ali-
 quis de sibi adherentibus ipsam Crucem sic deferat, vel delationi ejusdem
 opem conferat vel assensum, denuntiaturi eidem, et ceteris supradictis,
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 contra eos, prout justum fuerit, exercere. In omnibus etiam locis nostre
 dioceseo, durante ipsius mora et incessu hujus, à divinis et publica pul-
 satione fieri demandavimus campanarum cessari. De nominibus etiam sub-
 ditorum nostrorum dicto domino archiepiscopo, contra inhibitionem me-
 moratam facientium et obedientium diligentius demandavimus inquiri, et
 quos culpabiles aut rebelles invenire nos contigerit, per censuras quascun-
 que ecclesiasticas puniendo. Ad hec vero, quod nos super hujusmodi ir-
 rogato prejudicio omisimus, ut asseritur videl. penitus obviare, professio-
 nis, ut videtur, immemores, cujus excusatio justa et vera pretendi non po-
 terit, sicut pretendi nitimini probabiliter vos tenere, cum propter publica-
 inhibitiones nobis et predecessoribus nostris factas, que nos verisimiliter las-
 tere non poterant, tum propter alia in vestris literis plenius contenta-
 quam gravius redarguitis, quod dolemus, testem invocamus gloriosum Chri-
 sti confessorem Wlstanum, qui est noster conscius in excelsis, quod bene-
 volentiam et obedientiam vobis, et ecclesie vestre Cant. ex nostra professio-
 ne

ne debitis, animi nostri ingenti desiderio exhibere, pre ceteris affectamus, et affectavimus, temporibus retroactis, potius nobis, quam ecclesie vestre, seu vobis prejudicium irrogando, bona conscientia asserentes, quod ingressus archiepiscopi memorati infra nostram diocesim, et ejusdem progressus, usque vestrarum literarum, nos latuit undequaque, que tam ex distantia locorum per que creditur incessisse, quam in aliis occupatio assidua, ad que, ex officii nostri debito astringimur hiis diebus, quo ad vestram paternitatem nos redent merito, et probabiliter excusata. De tempore vero ingressus, et per quantum tempus moram traxit in eadem diocesi nostra, propter se veritatem temporis, hucusque certiorari non potuimus, ut vellemus; sed facta inquisitione pleniori de predictis, vestre reverentie rescribere non tardemus. Et sic mandatum vestrum, prout ad presens possumus, diligenter ac reverenter sumus executi. Dat' apud Stodleye xvi. Kal. Julii supradicto.

Aliud mandatum de eodem negotio.

Reverendo in Christo patri et domino, domino Waltero, Dei gratia, Cant. archiepiscopo, totius Anglie primati, Walterus, permissione ejusdem, Wygorn. ecclesie minister humilis, salutem, cum omni obedientia, reverentia, et honore. Mandatum vestrum apud Hampton. xi. Kal. Julii, anno Dom. M^o. CCC^o. XV^o. circa horam vesperarum recepimus, tenorem infra-scriptum:

Walterus, permissione divina, Cant. archiepiscopus, totius Anglie primas, venerabili fratri domino W. Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopo, salutem, et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Quia, ut pridem vobis scripsimus, dominus Eborum archiepiscopus vestram diocesim infra nostram Cant. provinciam jam ingressus, moram faciens in eadem, ac per ipsam incedens Crucem suam coram se erigi facit publice et deferri, et hoc ulterius per nostram provinciam incedendo, ut dicitur, continuare proponit, in nostram et ecclesie nostre Cant. ac juris ejusdem injuriam et prejudicium manifestum, cui taliter incedenti populares, ipsius provincie ejusdem archiepiscopi benedictionibus inclinando, et modis aliis, in nostram et ecclesie, ut prenotatur, injuriam, et contra inhibitiones publicas, tam per nos, quam per predecessores nostros, in casu consimili prius factas, nequiter obedire, et modis aliis favere presumunt. Ut tam ipsius archiepiscopi, quam etiam ceterorum eidem in hac parte faventium, injuria reprimatur, vobis committimus, ac in virtute obedientie, qua nobis, et ecclesie nostre predictae tenemini, firmiter injungendo, mandamus, quatinus statim receptis presentibus ad dictum dominum archiepiscopum personaliter accedentes ipsum nominatim, et omnes secum incessu hujus comitantes, cum ad id se facultas obtulerit, canonice moneatis, et artius inhibeatis eisdem, ne ipse archiepiscopus Crucem suam sic erectam coram se in nostra Cant. provincia erigi faciat, aut deferri procuret; seu comitantes ipsi delationi ejusdem consilium prebeant aut assensum; et si, non obstantibus monitionibus ac inhibitionibus hujus fecus attemptatum
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extiterit, ipsi archiepiscopo ingressum ecclesie protinus interdicere non tardetis. Si autem per tres dies continuos sequentes ipse archiepiscopus suspensionem hujus animo sustinuerit indurato, eundem à pontificali officio suspendatis; et si subsequenter per tres dies alios immediate sequentes, in eadem suspensione protervitate nimia perduraverit, ex tunc in eum majoris excommunicationis sententiam promulgetis. In taliter vero deferentes Crucem hujus nominatim, ac in genere in omnes consensim ad id, ut pretangitur, adhibentes, majoris excommunicationis sententiam proferatis, et sententiam ipsam singulis diebus sequentibus postmodum in ecclesiis et locis publicis, per que sic transitum fecerit, ac aliis per vestram diocesim publicetis, et faciatis solempniter publicari. Volentes, quod ipsum mandatum nostrum primum in hac parte vobis directum, nichilominus exequimini diligenter in omnibus suis punctis. Diem vero receptionis presentium, et formam executionis omnium premissorum, ac etiam de nominibus rebellium in hac parte, cum vobis constare poterit, de eisdem quibuscumque temporibus oportunis nobis rescribere non tardetis, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Dat' apud Lameth xv. Kal. Julii, anno Domini supradicto.

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, facta inquisitione diligenti, invenimus per eandem, quod dominus archiepiscopus Ebor. iii. Non. Junii, nostram diocesim Cruce erecta est ingressus apud Warr. per diem et noctem commorando, et de loco predicto ad villam de Stretford cum Cruce erecta declinavit, et ibidem in domibus rectorie pernoctavit; et deinde profectus est ad villam de Campeden, Cruce similiter erecta, et ibidem cum magistro Richardo ejusdem rectore aliquamdiu moram traxit, qui sibi in dilatione Crucis, contra formam inhibitionis, favebat et favet, adherebat et adheret, ut dicitur, opem sibi prestans, consilium, et favorem, populumque ejusdem ville suis benedictionibus fecit inclinare; et a loco de Campeden profectus est ad locum de Suthleye, erecta Cruce, ut supra, et ibidem cum domino Johanne de Suthleye, milite, prandebat, cui rector ejusdem, ut dicitur, obedivit gratia ipsorum publice pulsato, seu pulsare faciendo, et deinde at manerium suum de Chirchdon declinavit ibidem, quasi continue morando, una tamen die, ut asseritur, prandebat cum domino Johanne Gyffart, milite, in castro suo de Brunefeld, et ex tunc in manerio suo de Chirchdene, quod asseritur esse à jurisdictione vestra et nostra exemptum, continue est moratus; que omnia nos tunc latebant, et receptionem literarum vestrarum, prout jam inquisitione invenimus, precedebant. Ad hec licet statim receptis vestris literis versus dictum archiepiscopum gressus nostros direximus, ut sibi contenta in mandato vestro primo nobis ea occasione directo, exponeremus, prout tenor ejusdem exigit et requirit, occurrente nobis xi. Kal. Julii nuncio vestro, nobis mandatum artius deferente, omnibus aliis premissis, non sine magno dampno, gravibus laboribus, et expensis, Gloucestriam accessimus, moram ibidem continue faciendo, ut dictum dominum archiepiscopum extra manerium suum de Churchdene apprehendere possemus, ipsum nominatim, et omnes

omnes secum incesso hujus comitantes moneremus et inhiberemus, secundum formam et modum in vestro mandato plenius expressum, ad quem nobis huc usque non patuit accessus, eo quod in loco, qui à jurisdictione vestra et nostra communi reputatione asseritur exempto, fines suos nullatenus progrediendo à tempore receptionis vestrarum literarum, continuo est moratus, quem per potentiam armatorum ad magnum numerum, ut dicitur, ac censuras ecclesiasticas contra facientes, seu quicquam attemptantes, in prejudicium exemptionis sue infra dictum locum, quem asserit sic exemptum, fulminando seu latitando tuetur. Predictas tamen monitiones, inhibitiones, et sententias, per singula loca confinia publice fecimus, et publicavimus, et per alios mandavimus publicari, et suis commensalibus et familiaribus notificavimus, et dicto domino Eborum archiepiscopo, quam citius ipsum personaliter apprehendere possumus, notificabimus, et subditis nostris sub gravibus censuris, de notificando committimus, si infra nostram jurisdictionem apprehendi possit quoquomodo, pro cuius apprehensione per unam ebdomadam in partibus Gloucestrie moram fecimus personalem. Excommunicamus et in genere omnes consensum, auxilium, vel favorem juxta formam nobis demandatam eidem adhibentes, ipsam in ecclesiis et locis publicis, per que sic transitum fecerit, aliis per nostram diocesim, mandamus publicari. De nominibus rebellium in hac parte, vestre paternitati apparere potest per premissa; à tempore vero receptionis mandati vestri per jurisdictionem nostram non incescit, nec moram fecit; et ideo sibi faventes, vel suis benedictionibus inclinantes, non invenimus. Sed si de aliquibus nostris constare poterit in futurum, contra eosdem, prout nobis mandatur, severius procedemus. Et sic mandatum vestrum, quantum scivimus et potuimus, reverenter sumus in omnibus executi. Dat' apud Lanthony quinto Non. Julii, anno Domini M^o. CCC^o. quintodecimo (o.)

(o) Maydenston, f. 30. b. 31. a.

82. *Obligatio episcopi in annua pensione quinque marcarum solvend' Ade de Murymouth.*

WAlterus, permissione divina, Wygorn. episcopus, discreto viro magistro Ade Murymouth, juris civilis professori, salutem, cum gratia Salvatoris. Vestre probitatis merita attendentes, et diligentiam vestram affectivam, quam in negotiis nostris semper sentimus efficacem, operamque et laborem, que circa eadem amodo impendetis; vobis, tenore presentium, quinque marcas annue pensionis damus et concedimus, vobis, vel certo atornato vestro, solvend' in festis sancti Michaelis, et Annuntiationis, ad quarum solutionem fideliter faciendam terminis prenotatis obligamus nos, et omnia bona nostra, quousque vobis, vel alicui vestrorum, per nos provisum extiterit de beneficio competenti. In cujus rei testimonium, &c. Dat' apud Blockeley, quinto Kal. Octobris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo decimo quinto, consecrationis vero nostre secundo (p).

83. *Litera missa pape per regem, pro T. de Cobham.*

PAPE rex devota pedum oscula beatorum. Quos ingentior commendat excellentia meritorum, et virtutum attollunt merita potiora, illos decet, ut rependantur digna dignis, favoris ubertate prosequi amplioris, et attollere uberiori retributione premiorum. Recolentes itaque grata et fructuosa obsequia, que dilectum clericum nostrum, magistrum T. de Cobham, juris canonici et sacre theologie doctorem approbatum, tam clare memorie genitori nostro, quam nobis etiam ante hec tempora utiliter et fideliter impendisse cognovimus, ac desiderantes ex corde ipsius honoris et profectuum incrementa, sanctitati vestre, que gratiosam se exhibet gratiosis, totis affectibus supplicamus, quod eundem magistrum T. virum eminentis scientie, ex nobili genere procreatum, fama pollentem, moribus insignem, vite conversationis honestate preclarum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus circumspectum, et multarum virtutum cumulo insignitum, habere dignemini nostri intuitu propensius commendatum, et sic vestre ei Apostolice liberalitatis et munificentie janua aperire, quod juxta speratam fiduciam, eo potioris gratie ubertate sentire se valeat pertractari, quo nostris affectibus intimius conjungitur, et pro ipso nostra instantia devotius interpellat. Conserve, &c. Dat' apud Clarindone X. die Aprilis, anno regni nostri decimo (q).

(p) Maydenstone, f. 37. a. (q) Cobh. f. iii. al. CXVIII.

84. *Exemia missa domino Thom. episcopo, in intronizatione, in pecunia numerata.*

DE rectore ecclesie de Welford	XX s.
De rectore capelle de Elmele	XL s.
De domino Willelmo de Thortofte	C s.
De abbate et conventu Glouc.	XX lb.
De abbate de Evesham	C s.
De abbate de Teukesbure	X marc.
De magistro de Stretford	V marc.
De abbate de Hayles	VI marc.
De archidiacono Glouc.	XL s.
De abbate de Kyngeswode	XL s.
De vicario de Berkele	XX s.
De priore de Coventre	C s.
Summa	LVII lb.
De istis solvi mercatoribus	L marc.
Ad curiam Romanam	XXX marc. (r)

85. *Litera missa pape per Thomam, episcopum Wygorn.*

SANCTISSIMO patri suo, si placet, ac domino summe et singulariter venerando, domino Johanni, divina providentia, sacrosancte Romane ac vniversalis ecclesie summo pontifici, suus devotus filius, et humilis capellanus, Thomas, Dei et sui gratia, Wygorn. ecclesie minister modicus, cum subiectione et obedientia debitis, devotissima pedum oscula beatorum. Licet, pie pater et sancte, pacem annunciantis pulchri sint pedes, et sanctitatem vestram letiorem efficerem, si vobis publicam terre vestre Anglicane letitiam nunciarem; necesse tamen habeo, ipsa necessitate cogente, quod doleo, contrarium nunciare. Quia cum nuper à vestra celsitudine, et ab illustri principe domino rege Francorum, necnon à serenissimo domino rege nostro essent nuntii venerabiles et discreti ad partes boreales Anglie destinati, inter quos, licet minimum, eram unus, ad tractandum cum Scottis super pace reformanda cum eis, ubi quesivimus pacem, ecce turbatio! et dum regni circumferentiam purgare curavimus, pestis pessima, familiaris hostilitas, et ad bellum intestinum preparatio latenter irrepsit in centro. Nam confederati ad invicem, quidam comites et barones, cum non modica multitudine populari, castra capiunt, perpetrant homicidia, et cetera quoque mala; quid tamen in hoc facto queritur, quidve intenditur, igno-

(r) Maydenstone, f. 56.

ratur. Sed hoc scio, quod inter nos omne caput languidum, et omne cor merens, periculum in terra, periculum in mari, ubique lupo in fabula, nec fraterna latera fraude carent, et creditur veraciter, quod venenum insanabile sit infusum in terra, nisi hoc amoveat sancta, prudens, et prepotens manus vestra. Ceterum, sancte pater, dignetur vestra sanctitas granter admittere duos pannos de scarleto, et duas pecias panni tenuis Anglicani, et duas penulas de pellibus agnitis Anglie pro mantellis, quas ad usum hujus temporis estivalis curavit vobis mea parvitas destinare, memoriale utique minimum, sed affectionis et obedientie vere signum. Non occurrunt, pater, ad presens alia quevis nova, que sint vestre celsitudini scribi digna, sed est, et semper erit sacerdos vester modicus ad domini vestri precepta paratus. Valeat in vobis, et felicitetur in Domino ad ecclesie sue regimen, et populi Christiani salutem, Apostolica celsitudo. Dat' London. &c. anno Domini, &c. (s)

86. *Litera missa Jacobo diacono-cardinali Romane ecclesie.*

Venerabili in Christo patri, ac domino suo reverendo, si placet, domino Jacobo, Dei gratia, sacrosancte Romane ecclesie, ac tituli sancti Georgii ad velum aureum diacono-cardinali, suus ad vota paratus, Thomas, permissione divina, Wygorn. ecclesie minister humilis, votive salutis affectum cum debitis reverentia et honore. Cum non habeam, pater et domine, quicquam temporale condignum, quod vestre referam bonitati, pro multiplici beneficio quod accepi, pro salute vestra suppliciter oro Deum, me ad hoc perpetuo recognoscens astrictum. Verum pro eximiis exigua rependere vobis ausus, de vestra ad plenum dilectione confisus, pro camere vestre ornatu, licet minima, duas pecias panni tenuis Anglicani, et duas penulas pro mantellis, per latorem presentium vestre paternitati transmittito, quas acceptare dignemini, tamquam memoriale modicum, affectionis tamen uberrime, ac obsequii debiti verum signum. Ceterum, pater et domine reverende, licet terra nostra cum Scotis sustinuerit diu guerram, et eam senserit satis duram, durius tamen est, et dolorosius referendum, quod in ipsa terra orta est inter regni proceres, procurante satore zizanie, discordia intestina, dum alter alterius castra capit, homines interficit, et cetera queque bona spoliatur, dissipat, et consumit. Sed quis occasionem tanti dampni dederit, qualisque super hoc expectandus sit finis, aut quas partes persecutio ipsa contingat, nemo scit, nisi qui princeps hujus negotiationis existit. Hujus rei seriem in partibus nostris nimium divulgatam poterunt venerabiles nuntii domini nostri pape, qui in Anglia jam fuere, sermone vobis clariore referre. Nec est possibile, prout creditur, quod absque sedis Apostolice prudentia tanta tumultuatio sopiatur. Super eo, pater et domine reverende, quod curastis mihi mandare, ut nepoti Pertucii de Cazamunicis, familiaris ve-

ftri, vellem de non curato beneficio providere. Sciatis, quod postquam in episcopum creatus exstiti, nullum clericum huc usque promovi, nec scio quando tale quid facere potero, cum sit mihi beneficiorum paucitas, et expectantium de sedis Apostolice gratia multitudo. Nam adhuc manent mihi sex residui, preter eos, quos gratiose et favorabiliter ob sedis Apostolice reverentiam expedi. Super his mihi Nicholaus, vester familiaris, testis erit, qui post ejus adventum in Anglia continue mecum stetit, et plenam veritatem in hac parte cognovit. Non occurrunt ad presens alia quevis nova, que sint vestre reverencie intimanda; sed est, et semper erit vester Thomas antiquus fidelis vobis, diligens, et continuus capellanus. Valeant, sint, et crescant in Domino vobis dies longevi, prosperi, et felices (t).

87. *Litera missa regi.*

EXcellentissimo principi, et domino suo reverendo, si placet, domino E. Dei gratia, R. Anglie illustri, domino Hibernie, et duci Aquitanie, suus devotus et humilis capellanus, T. ejusdem permissione, Wygorn. episcopus, devotum obedientie spiritum, cum omni subiectione, reverentia, et honore. Vestra mihi regia celsitudo nuper scribere dignabatur, quod ad reprimendam Scotorum malitiam, qui jam, sicut aliter, regnum vestrum hostiliter sunt ingressi, homines ad arma, vel aliud subsidium competens providerem; et quid super hoc facere possem vobis literatorie constare facerem indilate. Sciat vestra magnitudo regalis, quod licet homines ad arma per me et per meos diutius et diligentius inquisivimus, vobis in hoc negotio destinandos, nullos hucusque idoneos in hiis partibus reperire potui, qui non sint vestra, vel vestrorum retentione preventi. Quapropter providi ad vestrum obsequium quinquaginta libras vobis ad vestrum mandatum in proximo transmittendas, quas acceptare dignetur, licet munus exiguum, vestra consueta benignitas, considerans posse meum. Ingressus enim episcopatum ipsum nudum, et omni bono destitutum inveni, labores et sterilitates postea sustinui, et latere non potest, quot sim passus jacturas, et rerum dispendia in presenti. Sed cum, volente Deo, fortuna prosperior affuerit, mea manus taliter qualiter adjutrix vestro beneplacito, et meo desiderio, largius respondebit. Dirigat actus vestros virtus regis pacifici ad pacem perpetuum regni vestri. Scriptum, &c. (u)

(t) Ibid. (u) Ibid. f. 73, alias LXXX.

88. *Litera missa Eborum archiepiscopo.*

Venerabili in Christo patri, ac karissimo, si placet, amico, domino Willemo, Dei gratia, Eborum archiepiscopo, Anglie primati, suus Thomas, ejusdem Dei permissione, Wygorn. episcopus, salutem, et quicquid poterit honoris et commodi cum desiderio complacendi. Inspectis nuper vestre serenitatis apicibus, auditisque omnibus, que nuntiorum vestrorum clara et discreta facunditas nobis intimare curavit; ac literis Apostolicis, prout decuit, reverenter admissis, Spiritus, qui semper promptus est annuere votis vestris, licet in infirma carne et debili vasculo collocatur, citationes, commissiones, et omnia per vestri consilii prudentiam ordinata, prona mente concessit, et illico sigillavit: spem ipsis et fiduciam tribuendo, quod habita sanitate, ad diem statutum personaliter adessemus, quod tunc fuit, et adhuc esset, si possibilitas se offerret, intime cordi nostro. Verum quia fortune adversitas et corporis fragilitas mutant creberrime in deterius vices suas, illa sanitatis scintilla, quam tunc sperabamus brevem, fuit statim postea extinctioni propinqua. Morborum nostrorum cumulus, qui utinam esset vadens, et non rediens, totiens recedit et redit, quod nullam omnino ponere fiduciam in sanitate valemus. Sic enim continue nos affligit pectoris strictitudo, quam medici solent nominare *Catarrum*, quod propter difficultatem et impotentiam respirandi, credimus nos sepe, et circa medias noctes suffocari. Nutrimus idropisim nostram antique malignitatis alumpnam, tantumque sustinemus in corporis cute pruritum, quod vix manus nostras possumus à carne subtrahere per momentum. Hiis passionibus laboramus, absque hiis que latent intrinsecus, super quibus reputamus honestius subticere quam loqui. Hanc materiam, ut dicunt medici, si temporis estivalis exponeremus ardori, malitiam prefertim canicule non verentes, quantumcumque vellemus modicas vel breves peragere dietas, quamque suaviter consueto vehiculo volveremur, humoribus, qui jam quiescunt, fuscitatis ex motu, mors inopinata de facili sequeretur. Et scimus veraciter coram Deo, quod si illuc nos venire contingeret quovismodo, nichil utiliter essemus acturi, quia nec possemus, absque scandalo virorum, nos cetibus immiscere, nec ea, que mente conciperemus, sermone distincto proferre; nec credat vestra paternitas reverenda, nos propter tempus messium, quod jam ad diem nocionis instabit, à proposito revocari, vel quod canonicorum amicitie nos incurvent, vel terreant homicidia, que inter indigenas et alienigenas referuntur in civitate vestra horribiliter perpetrata. Quia vere vestrarum et capituli vestri concordiam preponeremus omni commodo temporali, cause vestre veritatem, si liqueret, omni amicitie preferremus, et speraremus habunde, quod per vestre dilectionis auxilium esset nobis in illis partibus super securitate prospectum. Supereft igitur sola, que legem non habet, supradicta necessitas, que impotentiam nostram accedendi ad diem, de quo dolemus, excusat. Dignetur ergo vestra dilectio consueta nostram absentiam habere favorabiliter

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excusatam, adventum nostrum ad diem nullatenus expectantes, et nos fiducialiter convalescentia habita, Domino permittente, promittimus, pro vobis et ecclesie vestre juribus promptissime laborare. Vos diu conservet Altissimus ad ecclesie sue regimen, et commissi vobis gregis gaudium et salutem. Script. apud Hertelbure xv. Kalend. Julii (x).

89. *Legata soluta et solvenda, extracta de testamento bone memorie domini Th. de Cobham, nuper Wygorn. episcopi, videlicet, ecclesie Wygorn. et successoris suo.*

Inprimis, lego fabrice ecclesie Wygorn. XX. lb.

Item, casulam glaucam, cum alba cujus paramenta sunt inferius confuta acia, et amitam, et duos pannos sericos, et towallos altaris, cum frontello de armis confuto, lego altari ubi ero sepultus, et cum hiis ministretur ibidem.

Item, eidem altari lego magnum Missale notatum.

Item, eidem altari, duo candelabra argenti.

Item, eidem altari, duas fialas argenti.

Item, eidem altari, vnam ymaginem beate Virginis, quam habui ex dono abbatis sancti Augustini Bristoll.

Item, mitram pulchram, quam habui de dono archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, remaneat ecclesie Wygornienfi in perpetuum.

Item, successoris meo lego omnia blada in episcopatu feminata, et XL. boves, ita quod ipse dimittat tantundem successoris valoris C. librarum.

Item, lego successoris meo majus dosser cum leopardis.

Item, eidem lego crismatorium.

Item, eidem lego vas aque benedicte, cum aspersorio.

Item, ecclesie Wygorn. ad ponendum sub pedibus episcoporum, lego bankarium longum de vario.

Item successoris meo lego omnia vasa coquinaria, qualitercumque spectantia, sive London. sive in diocesi existant.

Item, lego ecclesie Wygorn. ut pendeat super magnum altare, jocale argenteum deauratum ad modum salarii.

Item, altari, ubi corpus meum sepelietur, ii. cassas.

Concordatum est inter dominum et executores, quod dominus habeat in omnibus maneriis quarteriam frumenti tam de semine quam deliberatione pro iii. s. Item quarteriam filiginis pro ii. s. Item, quarteriam fabe, pise, ordeï, et drageti, pro ii. s. viii. d. Item, quarteriam avene, pro xx. d.

Item, dicta mitra pulchra, de qua supra tangitur, quam habui à domino archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, ecclesie Wygorn. remaneat in perpetuum, dum tamen executores mei habeant literam meam obligatoriam, quam idem archiepiscopus habet penes se, alioquin si retradatur mitra, et litera mea obligatoria per executores extrahatur.

Item, est una alia mitra, que fuit domini Walteri de Maydeston, predecessoris mei, quam emit à domino Bathoniensi pro XL. libris, et illam feci aretari London. per justiciarios domini regis, et fuit mihi assignata et liberata pro dampnis in partem solutionis, et illam lego successoris meo, et omnia blada in episcopatu seminata, ut prius, ac etiam XL. boves. Ita quod ipse successor meus dimittat successoris suo tantundem vel C. libr. Sterling. et ille successoris suo, et sic de singulis in perpetuum, quia ita solebat esse antiquitus, ut audivi, et hec facio de libera voluntate mea, quia ego nichil habui, nec in pecunia, nec in aliis quibuscumque rebus, nisi domos destructas pro majori parte, sicut sciunt multi, et omnes de episcopatu illo. Quod si hoc modo successor meus non fuerit contentus, omnia tam blada, quam mitra, vendantur, et habeat centum libras, omnibus successoribus in perpetuum remansuras, ut sic ecclesia pristino et antiquo statui suo restitui videatur, et tamen ego nunquam habui à predecessoribus meis unum denarium, vel valorem, nec in animalibus, nec in bladis, nec in utensilibus maneriorum, sed domos diruptas pro magnis sumptibus pro posse reparavi (y).

90. *Ad papam pro Wulstano, Wygorniensis ecclesie electo.*

PAPÆ rex devota pedum oscula beatorum.

Zelus nos movet pulcritudinis domus Dei, et ad id sincera devotio nos compellit, ut ea, pater sanctissime, vestræ beatitudini sinceriter suggeramus, eaque efflagitemus humiliter fieri et concedi, per quæ et honori universalis ecclesie, ac statui tranquillo et prospero regni nostri, creditur salubriter provideri.

Sane, vacante nuper Wygorniensis ecclesia, per mortem bonæ memoriæ, Thomæ, olim episcopi loci illius, prior et conventus ejusdem ecclesie, petita à nobis licentia, prout moris est, et optenta, die ad electionem de futuro pontifice celebrandam statuto, convenientes in unum religiosum virum fratrem Wolstanum, priorem loci illius, in suum elegerunt episcopum concorder et pastorem: cui quidem electioni nos subsequenter regium assensum adhibuimus et favorem; idemque electus pro confirmatione electionis hujusmodi, penes venerabilem patrem.... archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, loci

metropolitanum ac consecrationis munere optinendo, secundum juris exigentiam, jam prosequitur, prout decet.

Verum quia ab aliquibus, non absque gravi murmure, est relatum, quod prædicta electio, tam rite et concorditer celebrata, prætextu reservationis (quam per sedem Apostolicam asserunt inde factam esse) effectum debitum minime fortietur (de quo nonnulli magnates et alii plurimum conturbantur) nos -----.

Ad virtutum merita, quibus præfatus electus multipliciter insignitur, et ad bonum ipsius regimen in prioratu prædicto, nec non ad laudabilis famæ suæ præconium, et ejus circumspectam industriam nostræ considerationis intuitus dirigentes, ac sperantes per ipsius probitatis solertiam (si facta de ipso electio effectui mancipetur) in disponendis regni nostri negotiis, nostram imbecillitatem posse fulciri præfidiis, et in opportunitatibus supportari.

Considerantes etiam quæ et quanta nobis et regno nostro, progenitorum nostrorum temporibus, nota intulerunt dispendia quorundam indiscreta regimina prælatorum.

Sanctitati vestræ devotis affectibus supplicamus, quatinus dissimulato, si placet, reservationis rigore (si quæ forsan electionem præcesserit antedictam) æquanimiter pati dignemini, ut præfatus electus (quem virum novimus religione probatum, devotione conspicuum, litterarum scientia præditum, et in agendis quibuscumque providum et discretum) ad honorem ascendere valeat, ad quem sic canonicè est vocatus: nec sinat vestra clementia ipsum aliquorum inhibitionibus super hoc indebite perturbari.

Speramus etenim, quod prædicta ecclesia sub ipsius regimine, divino sibi assistente præsidio, salutaria incrementa suscipiet, ac nostra, et regni nostri negotia, per ejus maturitatem consilii provide disponentur. Conservet, &c. Dat' apud Notingh. sexto die Septembris. Per breve de privato sigillo.

Eodem tempore ad cardinales scripsit pro præfato electo (z).

(z) Rym. Fœd. Tom. 4. p. 308.

91. *Super consecratione Wulstani Wygorniensis electi.*

REX dilectis sibi in Christo priori et conventui ecclesie Christi Cantuariensis, salutem.

Bene novit vestra prudentia, et est apud vos, ut credimus, perpetuæ memoriæ commendatum, qualiter ecclesiis cathedralibus, regii patronatus, suis pastoribus viduatis, electores à nobis eligendi licentiam petere, et ea optenta, electioneque in posterum canonice celebrata, electos suos nobis debent præsentare pro assensu regio optinendo.

Nosque, hujusmodi assensu regio adhibito, significare habemus per litteras nostras patentes, vel domino summo pontifici, in ecclesiis sibi immediate subiectis, aut metropolitanis, ad quos pertinet electiones hujusmodi confirmare, ut ipsi quod suum est, circa electos exequantur. Ipsique electionibus subsequenter confirmatis, confirmatores earumdem hoc nobis debent, per suas patentes litteras, intimare, ac ipsi electi fidelitates suas nobis facere, et temporalia episcopatum, ad quos sic assumuntur, à nobis recipere astringuntur.

Hunc morem, sicut nostis, non solum regia, sed etiam Apostolica introduxit auctoritas, et longævæ consuetudinis usus utentium moribus approbavit. Hoc siquidem jus regie coronæ nostræ sic annectitur, quod non possumus, sine violatione præstiti à nobis in nostra coronatione sacramenti, ejus diminutionem seu subtractionem aliquam tolerare: quinimo ad ejus defensionem una nobiscum, omnes et singuli nobis subditi, ex ligeantiæ suæ debito, obligantur. Quamobrem mirari compellimur, et moveri ex eo, quod, præmissis nuper circa personam venerabilis patris Wulstani Wygorniensis electi confirmati per ordinem observatis, et bonæ memoriæ Walterus nuper Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, eidem electo (cujus fidelitatem diu et recepimus, et temporalia episcopatus illius ei restituimus) munus consecrationis impendere voluntarie recusavit; quamquam super hoc fuisset cum debita instantia requisitus et sollicitatus pluries ex parte nostra.

Advertentes igitur, ex hujusmodi dilatione, non solum ipsi electo (cujus honores et commoda, ob ipsius probitatis et industriæ magnitudinem, sincero zelamus affectu) grave præjudicium: sed nobis etiam (si contingeret, quod absit, jus nostrum regium auferri, seu diminui in præmissis) exheredationis periculum posse verisimiliter evenire, ac volentes tanta pericula, quatenus poterimus, declinare, vobis mandamus, in fide et ligeantia quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter injungentes, quod omni dilatione postposita, episcopos comprovinciales, cum archiepiscopalis jurisdictio vobis competat, eadem sede vacante ad certum diem, ad ecclesiam vestram Cantuariensem faciatis convocari, munus consecrationis eidem electo, secundum juris exigentiam, absque ulterioris dilationis incommodo impendendum. Inhibemus etiam vobis sub forisfactura omnium, quæ nobis forisfacere poteritis, ne prætextu alicujus mandati seu commissionis, vobis quacumque auctoritate facti seu faciendi, quicquam nobis inconsultis, in præjudicium regii juris nostri prædicti, aut juris præfati electi, attemptetis, seu per alios attemptari

temptari faciatis quovis modo; scientes quod si secus facere præsumpseritis, ad vos tanquam violatores jurium coronæ nostræ, et contemptores mandatorum nostrorum, graviter, sicut convenit, capiemus.

Teste rege, apud Pontem fractum, decimo septimo die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem et magnum concilium (a).

92. *Contra Adamum de Orleton, jura coronæ violantem, minatoria.*

REX Adæ de Orleton, nuper Herefordensi episcopo, salutem.

Bene novit vestra prudentia, et non potestis, ob ligeantiæ vestræ debitum, ignorare, qualiter, ecclesiis cathedralibus, regii patronatus, suis pastoribus viduatis, electores à nobis eligendi licentiam petere, &c. *ut supra, in literis priori et conv. eccl. Christi Cant.* —————

Quamobrem turbavit nos rumor, nobis à nonnullis fidelibus nostris nuper perlatus, quod vos (ad jura coronæ nostræ considerationem non habentes) episcopatum Wygorniensem, ad quem venerabilis pater Wolstanus, nuper prior Wygornia, electus fuerat, eademque electio, post assensum nostrum regium adhibitum, per loci metropolitanum canonice extitit confirmata, cui etiam temporalia episcopatus illius, capta prius fidelitate sua, restituimus, ut est moris, vobis conferri, dimisso dicto episcopatu Herefordensi, non absque ambitionis vitio, procurastis. Et quia, absque læsione conscientiae nostræ, jura coronæ nostræ, sub dissimulatione sincere non possumus taliter deperire, vobis in fidelitatis et ligeantiæ debito, et sub forisfactura omnium quæ nobis forisfacere poteritis, districte inhibemus, ne quicquam quod in præmissis in læsionem jurium coronæ nostræ cedere possit, attemptetis, seu faciatis attemptari, seu fieri per alios procuretis, sub periculo quod incumbit: scientes pro certo, quod dissimulare non intendimus, quin violatores jurium coronæ nostræ, prout ad hoc ex vinculo juramenti astringimur, puniri modo debito faciemus. Teste rege apud Coventre, duodecimo die Decembris.

Per ipsum regem, et magnum concilium (b).

(a) Rym. Fœd. T. 4. p. 324, 325. (b) Ibid. p. 330.

93. *Summonitio Adæ de Orleton ad comparendum coram rege in parlamento.*

REX Adæ de Orleton, nuper Herefordensi episcopo, salutem.
 Ex relatu intelleximus fide digno, quod vos episcopatum prædictum in curia Romana dimisistis, et ad ecclesiam Wygorniensem, quæ per mortem bonæ memoriæ Thomæ de Cobham, nuper Wygornienfis episcopi, qui apud Hertlebury in comitatu Wygorniaë diem suum clausit extremum, vacavit, vos transferri procurastis.

Ad quam quidem ecclesiam venerabilis pater Wolstanus, ejusdem ecclesiæ Wygornienfis electus, confirmatus rite et canonice, promotus fuit, et à nobis temporalia ejusdem episcopatus jamdiu est, recepit, prout moris est, et temporibus progenitorum nostrorum, sicut nostis, fieri consuevit.

Et quod vos diversas litteras, juri coronæ nostræ præjudiciales, immo potius exhæredationem coronæ nostræ continentes, præmissa contingentes, infra regnum nostrum portastis; et eis, non obstantibus inhibitionibus nostris vobis per diversas litteras nostras, tam sub magno, quam sub privato sigillis nostris, pluries directis ex parte nostra, uti intenditis, in derogationem regiæ dignitatis nostræ; de quo turbamur in intimis, et movemur.

Volentes igitur jura coronæ nostræ, prout ex juramenti vinculo astringimur, illæsa pro viribus conservare, vobis sub ligeantiæ vestræ debito, et sub forisfactura omnium, quæ nobis forisfacere poteritis, districte inhibemus, ne aliquas litteras quascunque, reservationem, præfectionem, aut provisionem dictæ Wygornienfis ecclesiæ contingentes, nobis et coronæ nostræ præjudiciales publicetis, seu faciatis per alios quomodolibet publicari, vel eis uti præsumatis, nobis inconsultis, quovis modo.

Set vos ipsi, cum eisdem litteris, sitis coram nobis et consilio nostro apud Eborum in parlamento nostro, quod ad diem Dominicam proximam post festum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, proximo futurum, fecimus summo neri (et ad quem diem præfato electo mandavimus, quod ibidem personaliter interfuit) ad faciendum et recipiendum super dicto negotio, quod de communi consilio magnatum et procerum regni nostri contigerit ordinari; et hoc sub vestro periculo facere nullatenus omittatis. Et habeatis ibi hoc breve.

Teste rege apud Wygorniam, vicesimo sexto die Decembris.

Per ipsum regem et concilium (c).

(c) Rym. Fœd. T. 4. F. 331.

94. *Res que debentur pro intronizatione episcopi Wygorn.*

Dominus archidiaconus Cant. habet percipere de singulis intronizationibus episcoporum per ipsum vel suos procuratores faciendis subscripta, de episcopis ipsis intronizatis.

In primis, hospitium pro x. equitaturis, fenum et avenam, ligna et paleas competenter per ii. noctes.

Item, esculenta et poculenta pro se et familia, in hospitio predicto.

Item, ii. tortices magn. et vi. minores pro potu, et habet xii. pri-kets, viz. candelas duplices seu decentes pro cena et aliis in mensa, et vi. punett. de candelis minoribus, quodlibet punett. de xxiiii. candelis.

Item, palefridum episcopi, de quo descendit die intronizationis, cum sella, freno, et toto apparatu, statim cum descenderit.

Item, capam, capellum, botas seu ocreas, cirotecas, et pillen.

Item, secundam mensam post episcopum ad partem dextram in prandio.

Item, cuppam, de qua potaverit episcopus in mensa.

Item, in craftino x. marcas argenti, pro expensis in eundo et redeundo faciendis.

Hec Joh. de Redenhale capellanas libere capelle sancti Stephani in palatio Westm. commissarius, Hug. de Engolisma archidiaconus Cant. ab episcopo percepit 1328. (d).

95. *Bulla pape super collatione episcopatus Wygorn.*

Johannes episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Simoni, electo Wygorn. salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Regimini universalis ecclesie, disponente Domino, presidentes, de universis orbis ecclesiis, juxta pastoralis officii debitum, solícite cogitamus: sed earum nos angit solícitudo propensior, que propriis destitute pastoribus, vacationis subjacent detrimentis, ut eis per nostre solícitudinis studium de salubris provisionis remedio succurratur, ne, quod absit, earum provisione dilata, lupus rapax gregem Dominicum pastore carentem invadat, oves rapiat et dispergat. Nuper siquidem, vacante Wygorn. ecclesia, pro eo quod nos venerabilem fratrem nostrum Adam, Winton. tunc Wygorn. episcopum, licet absentem, à vinculo, quo tenebatur eidem Wygorn. ecclesie, cui tunc preerat, de fratrum nostrorum consilio, et Apostolice potestatis plenitudine absolventes, ipsum ad Winton. ec-

(d) Horleton. V. 2. f. 7. a.

clesiam tunc vacantem, duximus transferendum, preficiendo eum eidem Winton. ecclesie in episcopum et pastorem. Nos, volentes eidem Wygorn. ecclesie, ne dispendia prolixæ vacationis incurrere paterna sollicitudine precavere, cum nullus, præter nos, hac vice de ipsius Wygorniensis ecclesie ordinatione se intrmittere possit, pro eo quod nos diu ante vacationem hujus ipsius ecclesie Wygorn. omnes ecclesias cathedrales tunc vacantes, et vacaturas in antea, per translationes per nos factas, et in posterum faciendas, de prelati ipsarum ubilibet constitutis, ad alias ecclesias tunc vacantes, et in posterum vacaturas, apud sedem Apostolicam vacare intelleximus, et volumus, earumque provisiones dispositioni nostre duximus reservandas, decernentes ex tunc irritum et inane, si secus super hiis per quoscunque, quavis auctoritate, scienter vel ignoranter, contingeret attemptari: post deliberationem quam de preficiendo eidem ecclesie Wygorn. pastorem utilem, et etiam fructuosum, cum eisdem fratribus habuimus diligentem. Ad te archidiaconum Cantuariensem, capellanium nostrum, in subdiaconatus ordine constitutum, quem liberali scientia eruditum, insignitum elegantia morum, decorum honestate, vite munditia nitidum, in spiritualibus providum, et in temporalibus circumspectum, apud nos fide digna testimonia commendarunt, quique dictam Wygorn. ecclesiam scies et poteris in suis manutenere viribus, et etiam adaugere, direximus oculos nostre mentis, quibus omnibus debita meditatione pensatis de persona tua nobis, et eisdem fratribus nostri, ob hujus tuorum exigentiam meritorum accepta, eidem Wygorn. ecclesie de dictorum fratrum consilio, auctoritate Apostolica providemus, teque illi preficimus in episcopum et pastorem, curam et administrationem ipsius ecclesie Wygorn. tibi, tam in spiritualibus, quam in temporalibus plenarie committendo, firma spe fiduciaque tenentes, quod, dirigente Domino actus tuos, dicta Wygorn. ecclesia per tue circumspectionis et diligentie fructuosum studium preservabitur à noxiis et adversis, ac prosperitatis proficiet commodis et honoris. Jugum igitur Domini humeris tuis impositum suscipiens reverenter, et suavi ejus oneri humiliter colla submittens, ipsius Wygorn. ecclesie sollicitam curam gerens, gregem Dominicum tue diligentie creditum, doctrina verbi et operis informando, ita quod eadem ecclesia Wygorn. tue vigilantie studio multiplicibus gaudere commodis, et cooperante clementia summi regis optatis consurgere valeat incrementis. Dat' Avinion iii. Id. Decembr. pontificatus nostri anno xviii°.

96. *Bulla ad consecrandum dictum episcopum Wygorn.*

Johannes, episcopus, fervus fervorum Dei, dilecto filio Simoni, electo Wygorn. salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Cum nos nuper Wygorn. ecclesie pastoris regimine destitute, de persona tua nobis et fratribus nostris tuorum exigentia meritorum accepta, auctoritate Apostolica, de earundem fratrum consilio duximus providendum, preficiendo te ipsi ecclesie in episcopum et pastorem, prout in nostris inde confectis literis plenius continetur. Nos ad ea, que ad tue commoditatis augmentum cedere valeant, favorabiliter intendentes, tuis supplicationibus inclinati, tibi, ut à quocumque malueris catholico antistite gratiam et communionem Apostolice sedis habentem, ascitis, et in hoc sibi assistentibus duobus vel tribus catholicis episcopis similem gratiam et communionem habentibus, munus consecrationis recipere valeas, eidem antistiti, ut munus predictum auctoritate nostra impendere libere tibi possit, plenam et liberam concedimus tenore presentium facultatem. Volumus autem, quod idem antistes, qui tibi prefatum munus impendet, postquam illud tibi impenderit, à te, nostro et ecclesie nostre Romane nomine, fidelitatis debite solitum recipiat juramentum, —juxta formam, quam sub bulla nostra mittimus interclusam, ac formam juramenti, quod te prestare contigerit, nobis de verbo ad verbum, per tuas patentes literas tuo sigillo signatas per proprium nuntium quantocyus destinare procuret, quodque per hoc venerabili fratri nostro archiepiscopo Cant. cui prefata ecclesia metropolitico jure subesse dinoscitur, nullum imposterum prejudicium generetur. Dat. Avinion. xviii. Kal. Januar. pont. nostri anno decimo octavo (e).

(e) Mont. V. I. f. II. a,

97. *Pro Wulstano episcopo Wygornienſi, de non veniendo ad parliam ent propter debilitatem excuſatoria.*

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. ſalutem. Sciatis, quod de gratia noſtra, nec non pro eo quod venerabilis pater Wolſtanus, episcopus Wygornienſis, tanta debilitate et infirmitate corporis ſui detinetur, quod abſque gravi damno et corporis ſui periculo non poteſt commode laborare, ut accepimus: ac etiam pro eo quod idem episcopus nobis benevole conceſſit anniverſarium domini E. nuper regis Anglie, patris noſtri, annuatim in perſona ſua propria, dum ſanus et potens ſui fuerit, in abbazia ſancti Petri Glouceſtrie (ubi corpus dicti patris noſtri jacet humatum) quamdiu vixerit, celebrandum, et ſuper celebratione huiusmodi literas ſuas patentes facere promiſit.

Conceſſimus pro nobis et heredibus noſtris, quod prefatus episcopus pro toto tempore vite ſue, quotiens infirmitate, aut per acceſſum ſuum ad dictum anniverſarium fuerit impeditus, quo minus ad parlamenta ſeu concilia noſtra, vel heredum noſtrorum, poſſit commode declinare, tunc totiens, tam coram nobis, quam heredibus noſtris, ſuper huiusmodi non adventu ſuo ad parlamenta et concilia predicta, licite et impune, per ſufficientem et idoneum procuratorem ſuum excuſetur de gratia noſtra ſpeciali. In cujus, &c. Teſte rege apud Shutteleye, viceſimo primo die Junii.

Per breve de privato ſigillo(f).

98. *Pro Wolſtano episcopo Wygornie, de non veniendo ad parlamentum excuſatoria.*

REX omnibus, ad quos, &c. ſalutem. Supplicavit nobis venerabilis pater Wolſtanus, episcopus Wygornie, ut cum ipſe tantæ ætatis, et ſui ipſius tam impotens exiſtat, quod abſque periculo et corporis ſui dampno non modico multum laborare non poſſit; idemque episcopus anniverſario domini Edwardi, nuper regis Anglie, patris noſtri, ſingulis annis apud Glouceſtriam, pro ſolempnitate ejuſdem anniverſarii, ibidem perſonaliter facienda ad rogatum noſtrum, conceſſerit intereſſe, abſentiam ipſius episcopi in parlamentis, conſiliis, et aliis congregationibus (que per nos, extra diocceſim ipſius episcopi futuris temporibus teneri ſeu ſummoneri contigerit) habere velimus excuſatam: nos ad premiſſa conſiderationem habentes, ac volentes eo prætextu ſupplicationi ejuſdem episcopi annuere in hac parte, de gratia noſtra ſpeciali conceſſimus, pro nobis, et heredibus noſtris, præfato episcopo, quod ipſe pro toto tempore vitæ ſuæ ad parlamenta, conſilia, ſeu alias congregationes, quæcumque (quæ per nos

(f) Rym. Fœd. Tom. 5. p. 191.

vel hæredes nostros extra dictam diocesim, ex nunc teneri seu summoneri contigerit) in propria persona sua venire minime teneatur, nec ad hoc aliquo qualiter compellatur: set ipsum episcopum de adventibus suis ad parlamenta, consilia, et congregationes hujusmodi habere volumus excusatum ex causis antedictis. Ita tamen, quod idem episcopus sufficientes vel sufficientem procuratores vel procuratorem ad parlamenta, consilia, et congregationes hujusmodi mittat, ad consentiendum hiis, quæ per prælatos et alios ibidem summonitos contigerit ordinari. In cujus, &c.

Per breve de privato sigillo (g).

99. *Breve regium ad orandum pro felici progressu guerre contra Franciam, post navalem victoriam in festo natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste, 1340.*

Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie et Francie, et dominus Hibernie, venerabili in Christo patri Wulstano, &c. Effusam circa nos hiis diebus propitiationis divine clementiam ad vestri contemplationem et letitiam vobis ducimus intimandam. Scitis autem nimio vos, et alii fideles nostri quadam participatione sensistis, quantis fuimus et sumus guerrarum laceffiti turbibus, et velut in mari magno procellosis fluctibus agitati. Sed licet sunt mirabiles elationes maris, mirabilior tamen est in altis Dominus, qui procellam convertens in auram. jam, inter tot adversa, clementissime nos respexit. Nam cum pridem ordinassemus passagium nostrum necessarium versus partes Flandrie, dominus Philippus de Valesio, persecutor noster infestissimus hoc previcens, classem maximam navium armatarum, quam in expugnationem nostri nostrorumque fidelium parari fecerat, ad insidiandum nobis in portu de Swina transmisit, ut vel sic nos caperet, vel nostrum transitum impediret, qui transitus, si, quod absit, fuisset impeditus, ardua negotia, que prosequimur, fuissent penitus in ruina: quin immo nos et nostri fuisset verisimiliter periculo confusionis magne subjecti. Sed Deus misericordiarum videns nos in tantis periculis constitutos, gratius et citius quam humana ratio indicare poterat, misit nobis magnum navale subsidium, et insperatum numerum armatorum, ac semper ventum prosperum juxta votum, et sic sub spe celestis auxilii, et justitie nostre fiducia, dictum portum navigio venientes invenimus dictam classem, et honestos nostros paratissimos ad prelium in multitudine copiosa, quibus in festo Natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste proxime preterito, ipse spes nostra Christus Deus per conflictum fortem et validum nos prevalere concessit, facta strage non modica dictorum hostium, capta etiam quodammodo tota dicta classe, cum lesione gentis nostre modica respective, sicque tutior de cetero patebit transitus nostris fidelibus supra mare, et alia bona plurima sunt ex hoc nobis et nostris fidelibus verisimiliter perventura, de quo spes pulcherrima jam arridet. Nos autem tantam celestem gratiam devotissime contem-

(g) Ibid. f. 310.

'plantes, ipsi Salvatori nostro laudes et gratias humiliter exsolvimus, deprecantes,
 'tes, ut qui jam et semper in oportunitatibus copiosis gratiis nos prevenit, con-
 'tinuatis nos auxiliis prosequatur, et nobis regere temporaliter sic concedat in
 'terris, ut in eo letemur eternaliter in excelsis. Dilectionem R. vestram atten-
 'te rogamus, et per Dei misericordiam obsecramus, quatinus soli Deo vivo,
 'qui tantum signum nobiscum fecit in bonum in devote laudis preconium assur-
 'gentes, nos jam in remotis agentes, et ne dum jura nostra recuperare, sed
 'sanctam ecclesiam catholicam attollere, et in justitia populum regere cupien-
 'tes, sibi devotisorationum instantiis recommendare curetis, facientes pro
 'nobis missas, et alia pie placationis officia misericorditer exerceri, et ad hoc
 'clerum et populum vestre dioceseos salutaribus monitis inducatis, ut Deus ipse
 'miseratus nobis, progressum felicem et exitum annuat gratiosum, detque ser-
 'vo suo cor docile, ut recte judicare possimus, et regere, et sic facere quod pre-
 'cipit, ut mereamur assequi quod promittit. Teste Edwardo, duce Cornubie,
 'et comite Cestrie, filio nostro carissimo, custode Anglie apud Waltham sancte
 'Crucis xxviii. die Jun. anno regni nostri Anglie xiiii. regni vero nostri Francie
 'primo'.

Nos igitur attendentes, quod victoria non est in homine, sed ex Deo, qui docet
 manus ad prelium, habens in suo moderamine corda regum, virtutem manuum ip-
 sius Omnipotentis regis, in dicti regis nostri temporali victoria laudamus atque
 benedicimus, et in ipsius auxilium suppliciter invocamus. Et quia devote preces
 fidelium, et alia pietatis opera, plerumque iram mitigant Redemptoris, et miseri-
 cordiam alliciunt Salvatoris, vos monemus et hortamur attente, quatinus laboribus
 et periculis, quibus idem dominus rex pro republica tam humiliter se jam expo-
 suit, per vos debite consideratis, pro felici progressu et exercito suo, sedulis as-
 sistatis orationibus apud Deum, et ad id clerum et populum archidiaconatus
 Wygorn. efficaciter inducatis, ac in civitate Wygorn. ecclesiis et locis aliis dicti
 archidiaconatus missas celebrari, processiones fieri, orationes, et alia faciatis pieta-
 tis opera exerceri, ut Dominus noster miseratus super dictum dominum
 nostrum regem et suum exercitum rore sue benedictionis infundat, gressus
 et actus suos regat et dirigat, ipsosque ab adversis protegat et defendat,
 et cum honore triumphali in prosperitate votiva reducat. Et ut ad supplican-
 dum taliter mentes fidelium propensius excitentur de Omnipotentis Dei miseri-
 cordia, sanctissime matris sue, bonorumque confessorum Oswaldi et Wulfstani
 patronorum nostrorum, ac omnium Sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes,
 ipsis fidelibus de peccatis suis vere penitentibus et confessis facientibus, ut pre-
 mittitur, supradicta, XL. dies indulgentie concedimus per presentes. Dat' apud
 Blokkeleye xii. die Julii, anno Domini millesimo CCC^o. XL^o. et nostre con-
 secrationis secundo (b).

(b). Wolfst. V. 1. f. 154. al. CCXXIV.

100. *Ad papam, super malitiose suggestis contra episcopum Wygorniensem.*

PAPÆ rex, &c.

Sincera nos movet affectio, quam ad personam reverendi patris Wolstani, Wygornienſis episcopi, propter vitæ munditiam, et alia meritorum insignia, quibus ipsum novimus laudabiliter insignitum, corditer obtinemus, ut sinceritatem suam vestræ clementiæ commendemus.

Audivimus equidem, quod quidam Johannes Bodemon, et Thomas Duncleſent, et sui complices, in status ipsius episcopi subversionem nequiter conspirantes, et vestram nitentes illudere sanctitatem, sibi sermonibus odii detraxerunt, describentes eum inobedientem et rebellem vestris et sedis Apostolicæ, processibus, monitis, et mandatis, et ut, propter hoc, ad sanctitatis vestræ curiam vocetur personaliter pro viribus insistentes.

Quæ quidem sibi sic impositæ confidemus fore veritati contraria, et de ipso in senium jam vergente malitiose suggesta, cum, inter alios prælatos regni nostri Angliæ, justus, pius, et honestus, ac Deo et sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ devotus et obediens sit, et semper fuerit reputatus.

Quamobrem sanctitati vestræ, quæ clementer intelligit super senes, votivis affectibus supplicamus, quatinus cum idem episcopus jam sit quasi in senectæ et senio constitutus, dignetur vestra benignitas sibi, quoad vocationem personalem, præsertim propter impotentiam corporis, cum verissimiliter in via deficeret; misericorditer ignoscere, ac responsiones et excusationes suas super sibi sic impositis, per procuratores suos et nuncios clementer audire: motum indignationis vestræ contra eum (si placuerit) cohibendo, donec suggesta percurrerit celebris discussio veritatis. Conserve, &c. Dat' apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Januarii (1).

(1) Rym. Fœd. T. 5. p. 438.

101. *Super suggestionibus prælibatis.*

REX venerabili in Christo patri W. eadem gratia, episcopo Norwicensi, salutem.

Quia Johannes Bodemon et Thomas Dunclet, et sui complices, in status venerabilis patris Wolstani, Wygorniensis episcopi subversionem, ut dicitur, nequiter conspirantes, ipsum domino summo pontifici, super diversis contemptibus et rebellionibus, minus veraciter, ut credimus, detulerunt, cum inter alios prælatos regni nostri Angliæ, ipsum reputemus sincerum hominem et devotum, ut propter hoc vocetur personaliter ad curiam pro viribus insistentes: super hoc dicto domino summo pontifici, per nostras supplicavimus litteras speciales, ut, cum idem episcopus jam in senio constitutus, propter impotentiam verisimiliter in via deficeret, dignetur sibi, quoad comparitionem personalem in curia, misericorditer ignoscere, et, ut per procuratores suos respondere, et se defendere valeat, annuere gratiose.

Et ideo specialiter vos rogamus, quatinus procuratoribus ipsius episcopi, in ipsius prosecutione negotii, pronis consiliis et auxiliis vestris assistere, et ad impediendum dictam vocationem personalem cum efficacia laborare, et ipsum episcopum, super sibi sic impositis, viis, quibus poteritis, excusare. Dat' apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Januarii.

Consimiles litteræ diriguntur *Magistro Johanni de Offord, decano Lincolnæ, et fratri Thomæ de Isle (k).*

102. *Litera Joh. de Thoresby, episcopi Wyg. capitulo ecclesie Eborum.*

Venerabilibus viris et amicis carissimis . . . capitulo ecclesie Eborum, Johannes, &c. salutem, et sincerissime dilectionis affectum. Ad nos pridem perlato rumore, et receptis postmodum sinceritatis vestre literis nobis per discretum virum magistrum Gilbertum de Welton nostrum concanonicum presentatis, de postulatione nobis in archiepiscopum dicte Eborum ecclesie concorditer per vos facta, nimirum stupor nos invasit, ex eo, quod sic in nos direxeritis unanimiter vota vestra, cum plures haberetis de gremio peritiores, aptiores, et sine comparatione, meliores. Sed in hoc affectionem, quam ad nos habetis, licet immeritos, aperte videmus. De qua, vobis et vestrorum singulis, grates et gratias referimus, quas valemus: et utinam divina clementia velit annuere votis nostris, ut possamus aliqua facere vobis grata, et eidem ecclesie profutura, ad que reputamus, nos perpetuo

(k) Thoresby, f. 45.

debitores, et ea semper faciemus pro viribus leto corde, ponderantes gratum affectum vestrum, etiam si nunquam intentus sequatur effectus. In votivis et longevis successibus vobis annuat Altissimus. Script. London. vi. die Septembris (l).

103. *Litera ejusdem episcopi Wygorn. ad papam.*

SANCTISSIMO, &c. Quibus prosequar gratiarum actionibus, quibusve laudibus efferam vestre liberalitatis affluentiam, que licet immeritum pridem Menevensis ecclesie me prefectum, et postmodum ex ulteriori dono gratie ad Wygorniensem transtulit ecclesiam, cum aliarum adjectione multiplici gratiarum, nescio, cum non correspondeat voluntati facultas; sed ipse queso, qui merita supplicum excedit et vota, cujusque locum tenetis in terris, vestre beatitudini dicta beneficia recompenset. Et quia, vacante jam Eborum ecclesia, per mortem bone memorie W. ultimi ipsius archiepiscopi, venerabiles viri capitulum ipsius ecclesie in me licet indignum dirigentes unanimiter vota sua, à sanctitate vestra me postulant in archiepiscopum ipsius ecclesie transferendum, sicut per literas dicti capituli super hoc beatitudini vestre missas, plenius poterit apparere. Ego de hoc stupens nimirum, et timens, in varios distrahor cogitatus. Sed cum in hoc velle non habeam, neque nolle, dicte Wygorn. ecclesie nexibus alligatus, sancte vestre dispositioni et sedis Apostolice simpliciter et humiliter super hoc me suppono, sumpta de preguistata bonitatis vestre dulcedine fiducia, quod innata vobis liberalis et bone voluntatis habundantia adjiciet ex gratia, quod oro non presumo. Ad universalis ecclesie regimen et munimen sanctitatem vestram longevam faciat et compotem Bonitas increata. Script. London. (m).

(l) Thoresby, f. 45. (m) Ibid.

Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, carissimo in Christo filio Edwardo, regi Angliæ illustri, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Gratiæ divinæ præmium, et præconium humanæ laudis, acquiritur, si per seculares principes ecclesiarum prælatis, præsertim ecclesiarum cathedralium regimini præfidentibus, oportuni favoris præsidium et honor debitus impendatur.

Dudum siquidem bonæ memoriæ Willielmo, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, regimini Eboracensis ecclesiæ præfidente, nos, cupientes eidem ecclesiæ, cum eam quovismodo vacare contingeret, operationis nostræ ministerio utilem præfidere personam, provisionem ejusdem ecclesiæ ordinationi et dispositioni nostræ ea vice duximus specialiter reservandam, decernendo ex tunc irritum et inane, si secus super hiis per quoscumque, quavis auctoritate, scienter vel ignoranter, contingerit attemptari. Postmodum vero præfata ecclesia per obitum ejusdem Willielmi, qui in partibus illis debitum naturæ persolvit, pastoris solatio destituta, nos, vacatione hujusmodi fide dignis relatibus intellecta, ad provisionem ipsius ecclesiæ celerem et felicem (de qua nullus præter nos, ea vice, se intromittere poterat, reservatione et decreto obsistentibus supradictis) ne prolixæ vacationis exponeretur incommodis, paternis et sollicitis studiis intendentes; post deliberationem, quam de præficiendo eidem ecclesiæ personam, utilem et etiam fructuosam cum fratribus nostris habuimus diligentem; demum, ad venerabilem fratrem nostrum Johannem, episcopum olim Wygorniensem, in archiepiscopum Eboracensem electum, consideratis grandium sua suarum virtutum meritis (quibus personam suam dominus insignivit) et quod ipse, qui Wygornienfi ecclesiæ hætenus laudabiliter præfuit, eandem Eboracensem ecclesiam sciet et poterit, auctore Domino, feliciter gubernare, convertimus aciem nostræ mentis. Intendentes igitur tam ipsi Eboracensi ecclesiæ, quam ejus gregi Dominico salubriter providere, præfatum Johannem episcopum à vinculo, quo prædictæ ecclesiæ Wygornienfi (cui tunc præerat) tenebatur, de dictorum fratrum consilio, et Apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, absolventes, ipsum ad eandem Eboracensem ecclesiam transtulimus, eumque illi præfecimus in archiepiscopum et pastorem, curam et administrationem ipsius Eboracensis ecclesiæ sibi, tam in spiritualibus, quam temporalibus, plenarie committendo, liberamque sibi tribuendo licentiam ad ipsam ecclesiam transeundi, firma spe fiduciaque conceptis, quod præfata Eboracensis ecclesia, per ipsius Johannis electi circumspeditionis fructuosum studium (gratia sibi assistente divina) regetur utiliter et prospere dirigetur. Cum itaque (Fili carissime) sit virtutis opus Dei ministros benigno favore prosequi; ac eos verbis et operibus pro Regis æterni gloria, venerari, serenitatem regiam rogamus et hortamur attente, quatinus eundem electum et præfatam Eboracensem ecclesiam, suæ curæ commissam, habens pro Apostolicæ sedis et nostra reverentia propensius commendatos, ipsos benigni favoris auxilio prosequaris; ita quod idem electus tue celsitudinis fultus præsidio, in commisso sibi

sibi curæ pastoralis officio, possit (Deo propitio) prosperari, ac tibi exinde à Deo perennis vitæ præmium, et à nobis condigna proveniat actio gratiarum. Dat' Avinion. decimo sexto Calend. Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno undecimo, (n).
Sigillo avulso.

105. *De provisione ad ecclesiam Wygorniensem.*

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, carissimo in Christo filio Edwardo regi Angliæ illustri, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Gratia divina præmium, &c. ut supra.

Nuper siquidem ecclesia Wygornienfis, ex eo pastoris regimine destituta, quod, nos venerabilem fratrem nostrum Johannem, episcopum tunc Wygorniensem, in archiepiscopum Eboracensem electum, extra Romanam curiam existentem, à vinculo quo tenebatur eidem Wygornienfi ecclesiæ (cui tunc præerat) de fratrum nostrorum consilio, et Apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, absolventes, ad Eboracensem ecclesiam, tunc vacantem, duximus transferendum, præficiendo eum ipsi Eboracensi ecclesiæ archiepiscopum et pastorem. Nos, volentes eidem Wygornienfi ecclesiæ, ne dispendia longæ vacationis incurreret, paterna sollicitudine præcavere; cum nullus, præter nos, ea vice de ipsius ecclesiæ Wygornienfis provisione se intromittere posset, pro eo quod nos, diu ante vacationem hujusmodi, ejusdem Wygornienfis ecclesiæ, provisiones omnium cathedralium ecclesiarum vacaturum per translationes, per nos de prælatis earum ubilibet constitutis, faciendas ad alias cathedrales ecclesias tunc vacantes, dispositioni nostræ duximus specialiter reservandas, decernendo ex tunc irritum et inane, si secus super hiis, per quoscunque quavis auctoritate, scienter vel ignoranter, contingeret attemptari. Post deliberationem, quam de præficiendo eidem Wygornienfi ecclesiæ personam, utilem et etiam fructuosam, cum fratribus ipsis habuimus diligenter, demum ad venerabilem fratrem nostrum, Reginaldum Wygorniensem, tunc Menevensen episcopum, consideratis grandium virtutum meritis (quibus personam suam divina gratia insignivit) et quod idem Reginaldus episcopus (qui regimini Menevensis ecclesiæ hætenus utiliter præfuit) dictam Wygorniensem ecclesiam sciet et poterit (auctore Domino) utiliter regere, et feliciter gubernare, aciem nostræ mentis duximus dirigendam. Intendentes itaque tam dictæ Wygornienfi ecclesiæ, quam ejus gregi Dominico salubriter providere, præfatum Reginaldum episcopum à vinculo quo tenebatur, &c. prout in bulla superiore, mutatis competenter mutandis. Datum Avinion. undecimo Kal. Novembris, pontificatus nostri undecimo (o).

(n) Rym. Fœd. T. 5. p. 744. (o) Ibid. p. 745.

106. *Revocatio licentie eligendi.*

EDwardus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, &c. dilectis sibi in Christo, priori et conventui ecclesie Wygorn. salutem. Licet nuper ad supplicationem vestram nobis factam, continentem dictam ecclesiam per mortem bone memorie Reginaldi, ultimi episcopi loci predicti vacasse, et pastoris solatio destitutam fuisse, vobis licentiam alium eligendi in episcopum et pastorem ejusdem loci, per literas nostras patentes concesserimus; quia tamen reverendus vir magister Johannes de Barnet, nobis predilectus, vivente prefato Reginaldo, qui ad episcopatum Elien. per sedem Apostolicam translatus fuit in episcopum dicte ecclesie Wygorn. per eandem sedem electus fuit et confirmatus, sicut per literas nobis à dicta sede directas, clare nobis constat, concessionem nostram predictam vobis de licentia predicta factam tenore presentium duximus revocand. Et ideo vobis mandamus, firmiter inhibentes, ne ad electionem predictam colore licentie predictæ procedatis, nec quicquam inde, sub periculo quod incumbit, faciatis, seu facere presumatis. Sed electioni illi omnino supersedeatis ex causa supradicta. In cujus rei, &c.

Licentia eligendi dat' apud Westm. xiiii. die Decembris, anno regni regis E. tricesimo quinto (p).

107. *Indulgentia pro ecclesia Wygorn.*

Johannes, &c. dilectis in Christo filiis archidiaconorum nostrorum Wygorn. et Glouc. officialibus et decanis nostrarum civitatis et dioceseos quibuscunque, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem, et infra scripta executioni debite demandare. Inter sollicitudines nobis incumbentes curis excitamur precipuis, ut illa, que divini cultus augmentum precarissime sponse nostre ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. honorem, seu commodum, necnon parochianorum nostrorum devotionem, et animarum salutem concernunt, totis viribus nutriamus et foveamus nutrita. Pensantes equidem laudabiles vicinarum diocesum observantias, quas Summo Creatori nostro firmiter credimus complacere, ad procurandum similia in nostra diocesi observari, sumus et merito plurimum invitati. Ad laudem igitur et honorem Omnipotentis Dei et gloriosissime Virginis Marie, matris sue, ac patronorum nostrorum beatorum confessorum Oswaldi et Woltani, et omnium sanctorum, necnon subditorum nostrorum animarum salutem, de peritorum consilio duximus ordinandum, quod in singulis ecclesiis parochialibus nostrarum civita-

(p) Reg. sed. vac. f. cxi. b.

tis et dioceſeos predictis, qualibet Die Dominica, ſtatim poſt aſperſionem aque benedicte, ſacerdos magnam miſſam celebraturus ibidem, convertens ſe ad populum, iungat inibi congregatis, quod quilibet eorum flexis genibus oret pro fratribus, et ſororibus, et benefactoribus dicte eccleſie noſtre cathedralis, et fabrice ejuſdem, devote dicendo Orationem Dominicam, cum ſalutatione Angelica, et ſacerdos incipiat illam Antiphonam, *Mater, ora filium, ut poſt hoc exilium, nobis donet gaudium ſine fine*; quam ille, una cum aliis miniſtris altaris devote percantet: qua ſic percantata dicat ſacerdos illum verſiculum, *Ora pro nobis, ſancta Dei genetrix, ut digni efficiamur promiſſionibus Chriſti*, cum illa oratione, *Meritis et precibus ſue pie matris, benedicat nos Filius Dei Patris*. Et, ut hec premiſſa devotius et fervidius impoſterum obſerventur, omnibus Chriſti fidelibus, tam parochianis noſtris, quam aliis, quorum dioceſani hanc noſtram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis ſuis vere contritis, et confeſſis, qui, ut premittitur, pie oraverint, ſeu de bonis ſibi à Deo collatis fabrice ſeu confrarie eccleſie noſtre ſupradicte, pias elemoſinas fuerint elargiti, de Dei miſericordia confidentes quadraginta dies de injuncta ſibi penitentia miſericorditer in Domino relaxamus. In cujus rei teſtimonium ſigillum noſtrum fecimus hiis apponi. Dat' apud Hertlebury xxiii. die menſis Septembris, anno Domini milleſimo CCCº. ſexageſimo ſecundo, et conſecrationis noſtre primo (q).

108. *Papa ad regem, de proviſione.*

YRbanus, epiſcopus, ſervus ſervorum Dei, cariſſimo in Chriſto filio, Edwardo, regi Angliæ illuſtri, ſalutem et Apoſtolicam benedictionem.

Gratiæ diviſe præmium et præconium humanæ laudis acquiritur, ſi per ſeculares principes, eccleſiarum prælatiſ, præſertim eccleſiarum cathedralium, regimini præſidentibus, oportuni favoris præſidium et honor debitus impendatur. Dudum ſiquidem proviſiones omnium eccleſiarum cathedralium, ex tunc in antea vacaturarum, per translationes de prælatiſ earum, ubilibet conſtitutiſ, per nos faciendas impoſterum ad alias eccleſias cathedrales, tunc vacantes, et in antea vacaturas, ordinationi et diſpoſitioni noſtræ duximus reſervandas. Decernentes ex tunc irritum et inane, ſi ſecus ſuper hiis, per quoscuque quavis auctoritate, ſcienter vel ignoranter contingeret attemptari. Poſtmodum vero, eccleſia Wygornenſi, ex eo paſtoris ſolatio deſtituta, quod nos venerabilem fratrem noſtrum Willielmum, epiſcopum Wygornienſem in archiepiſcopum Cantuarienſem electum, licet abſentem, à vinculo, quo eidem Wygornienſi eccleſiæ, cui tunc præerat, tenebatur, de fratrum noſtrorum conſilio, et Apoſtolice poteſtatiſ plenitudine abſolventes, ipſum ad eccleſiam Cantuarienſem tunc vacantem, auctoritate Apoſtolica duximus transferendum, præficiendo eum dicte eccleſiæ Cantuarienſi in archie-

(q) Barnet. f. 14.

piscopum et pastorem, nos ad provisionem ipsius Wygorniensis ecclesiæ celerem et felicem, de qua nullus, præter nos, ea vice se intromittere potuerat, neque poterat (reservatione et decreto obfistentibus supradictis) ne ipsa Wygorniensis ecclesia diutinæ vacationis subjaceret incommodis, paternis et sollicitis studiis intendentes; post deliberationem, quam super hiis, cum eisdem fratribus habuimus diligentem, demum ad venerabilem fratrem nostrum Willielmum, Wygorniensem, tunc Cicestrensem episcopum, consideratis grandium virtutum meritis et muneribus gratiarum, quibus personam suam, prout fidedignorum, percepimus testimonio, Altissimus insignivit: Quodque ipse Willielmus, qui regimini ejusdem ecclesiæ Cicestrensis hactenus laudabiliter præfuit, præfatam Wygorniensem ecclesiam sciet et poterit, auctore Domino, salubriter gubernare, direximus oculos nostræ mentis. Intendentes igitur, tam dictæ ecclesiæ Wygornienfi, quam ejus gregi Dominico, salubriter providere, ipsum Willielmum à vinculo, quo dictæ ecclesiæ Cicestrenfi, cui tunc præerat, tenebatur, de ipsorum fratrum consilio, et Apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine absolventes, ipsum ad præfatam Wygorniensem ecclesiam, auctoritate prædicta duximus transferendum, ipsumque illi præfecimus in episcopum et pastorem, curam et administrationem ipsius ecclesiæ Wygorniensis eidem Willielmo in spiritualibus et temporalibus plenarie committendo, liberamque sibi tribuendo licentiam ad eandem ecclesiam transeundi, firma ducti fiducia, quod, ipsius Willielmi actu et opera (illius clementia dirigente, à quo universorum carismatum dona proveniunt) prælibata ecclesia Wygornensis, per ipsius Willielmi curiosam solertiam, suumque ministerium studiosum, honoris et prosperitatis multiplicibus proficiet incrementis. Quocirca serenitatem regiam rogamus, et hortamur attente, quatinus eundem episcopum, una cum ecclesia suo commissa regimini, habens pro divina et Apostolicæ sedis, et nostra reverentia propensius commendatos, sic eisdem te exhibeas favore regio benevolum, et in oportunitatibus gratiosum, quod idem episcopus, per auxilium tuæ gratiæ, in commisso sibi ecclesiæ præfatæ regimine, utilius proficere valeat; tuque proinde consequaris præmia felicitatis æternæ, et nos etiam celsitudinem regiam condignis possumus in Domino laudibus commendare.

Dat' Viterbii v. Id. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno sexto.

Anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo sexagesimo nono, Indictione septima, et pontificatus domini papæ prædicti septimo anno, et domini Edwardi, regis Angliæ, tertii à conquæstu, quadragesimo tertio, infra palatium in camera ipsius domini regis, apud Westmonasterium prop' London, quarta die mensis Junii, dominus Willielmus de Lenn, episcopus Wygorniensis, olim Cicestrensis, eodem domino nostro rege tunc præsentem, renuntiavit liberationi temporalium ipsius episcopatus per papam factæ sibi, et renuntiavit, quoad hoc, omni vigori et effectui literarum Apostolicarum prædictarum, et deinde fecit fidelitatem suam dicto domino nostro regi in forma capituli.

Ego

Ego episcopus *mutatis mutandis de jurejurando, et alias consueta
astantibus et præsentibus,*

Venerabili patre, domino Willielmo de *Wykebam*,
Wyntonienſis episcopo.

Illuſtri domino, Johanne, duce Lancaſtriæ ;

Et Thoma, ejus fratre germano.

Ricardo Arundellæ.

Humfredo de Bown, Herefordiæ.

Thoma de Bello Campo, Warrewyk, comitibus.

Dominis

Willielmo, domino de Latymer, ſeneſcallo.

Alano de Buxhill, camerario regis.

Dominis, Petro de Laſcy.

Johanne de Branketre.

et Willielmo de Thrington,
Notariis regis (r).

109. *Mandatum domini episcopi ne Lollardi predicent infra suam diocesim.*

H*Enricus*, miſeratione divina, Wygornien. episcopus, dilectis filiis Wygornie et Glouceſtrie archidiaconis noſtris, ac omnibus et ſingulis abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, eccleſiarum rectoribus, et vicariis, eorumque loca tenentibus, preſbyteriſque parochialibus, curatis, et non curatis, ac parochianis noſtris quibuſcumque per noſtram civitatem et diocesim, ubilibet conſtitutis, ſalutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Frequenti clamore et divulgata fama, quod dolentes referimus, ad noſtrum pervenit auditum, quod licet, ſecundum canonicas ſanctiones, nemo prohibitus, vel non miſſus, abſque ſedis Apoſtolice, vel episcopi loci auctoritate, ſibi predicationis officium uſurpare debeat publice vel occulte. Quidam tamen eterne dampnationis filii, antechriſti diſcipuli, et Machamite ſequaces, inſtigatione diabolica conſpirati, in collegio illicito, et à jure reprobato, nomine, ſeu ritu Lollardorum confederati, magiſter Nicholaus Hereford, Johannes Aſſhton, domini Johannes Perney, Johannes Parker, et Robertus Swynderby, inſania mentis perducti, ac ſue ſalutis immemores, ſub magne ſanctitatis velamine, venenum ſub labiis in ore mellifluo habentes, zizaniam pro frumento in grege Dominica ſeminantes, devotiones Chriſti fidelium eccleſie Dei et ejus miniſtris ſolitas conferri, ab eiſdem ſubtrahere, et ipſis cupiditati deditis, et avaritia obcecatis, eorumque diſpoſitionibus et ordinationibus attrahere et appropriare nituntur, ac nonnullas propoſitiones et concluſiones hereticas, atque falſas, ab eccleſia Dei dampnatas, determinatio-

(r) Rym. Fœd. T. vi. p. 596, 597.

onibus sancte ecclesie et sanctorum patrum repugnantes, que statum totius ecclesie Dei, nostreque diocesis, et tranquillitatem regni subvertere, et in quantum in eis est, ennervare nituntur, tam in ecclesiis et earum cimiteriis, quam in plateis, et quampluribus loci prophanis dicte nostre diocesis non verentur asserere, dogmatizare, et publice predicare, ac secrete in aulis, cameris, ortis, et gardinis Christi fideles utriusque sexus auriculare, et ipsos, prout facti notorietas ad nos deduxit, sua huiusmodi perversa doctrina inficientes, et tanquam diaboli membra, à fide catholica, sine qua non est salus, facientes flebiter deviare. Nos ipsorum perniciosis ausibus occurrere, ac predicto morbo pestifero medelam apponere, cupientes, prout nostro in hac parte incumbit officio pastoralis, attendentesque, quod tam perniciosum exemplum atque malum in plurimos serpere poterit, eorum animas letali contagione necando, nec debeamus, sicuti nec debemus sub dissimulatione transire, et velatis oculis tollerare, ne sanguis eorum de nostris manibus requiratur; sed illud in quantum nobis ex alto permittitur, tanquam tribulos et spinas de agro Dominico radicitus extirpare volentes: et presertim cum in conciliis provincialibus per venerabilem patrem et dominum W. Cantuar. archiepiscopum Oxon. et London. nuper celebratis, de consensu fratrum nostrorum episcoporum consilio et assensu, sacreque theologie doctorum, et juris canonici et civilis professorum, et aliorum clericorum, qui famosiores et peritiores de regno judicantur dicte conclusiones et propositiones quedam heretice, quedam erronee atque false, ab ecclesia Dei reprobate fuisse et dampnate. Vobis igitur omnibus et singulis tenore presentium monemus primo, secundo, et tertio, ac districtius inhibemus pro prima monitione unum diem, pro secunda alium diem, et pro tertia monitione canonica unum alium diem assignando, nequis vestrorum de cetero cujuscumque status aut conditionis existat, hereses, seu errores predictas, vel earum aliquem teneat, doceat, predicet, vel defendat, ac dictos magistros N. Hereford, et J. Aishton, dominos J. Perney, J. Parker, et Rob. Swinderby, aut aliquem alium de eorum secta prohibitum, per diocesanum non missum, vel de cujus potestate non constiterit ad predicandum, in vestris ecclesiis, vel earundem cimiteriis, aut dictarum parochiarum locis prophanis quibuscumque admittat, aut eorum aliquem predicantem audiat vel auscultet; sed statim tanquam serpentem pestiferum venenum emittentem fugiat et evitet, sub pena excommunicationis majoris, quam in vos omnes et singulos in hac parte rebelles, et monitionibus nostris non parentes, lapsis illis tribus diebus pro monitione canonica assignatis, mora, culpa, et offensa vestris precedentibus, et id merito exigentibus, ex nunc prout ex tunc ferimus in his scriptis, ac etiam promulgamus. Et si ex tunc, quod absit, predictas censuras non curantes, et contra premissa feceritis, aut aliquem eorumdem sustinueritis animo indurato ecclesias et cimiteria in quibus, vel si in locis prophanis quibuscumque dictarum parochiarum nostre diocesis, admittuntur, predicent, aut audiantur, contra nostras inhibitiones superius prenotatas suspendimus à divinis. Inhibentes omnibus et singulis curatis et presbyteris quibuscumque, ne in eisdem aut earum aliqua sub irregularitate predicta,

dicta, ante suspensionis hujusmodi relaxationem divina celebrare presumant. Dat' in manerio nostro de Hembury Saltmersch primo die Augusti, anno Domini M^o. CCC^o. LXXXVII^o. et nostre consecrationis duodecimo (s).

110. *Bulla de mitra, baculo, et de aliis.*

CLEMENS, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Johanni de Evesham, priori ecclesie Wygorniensis, ordinis sancti Benedicti, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Dum clara merita religionis et vite, ac virtutum insignia, de quibus apud nos fidedignorum testimonia te commendant, debita consideratione pensamus, dignum duximus, ut illa te prerogativa prosequamur honoris, per quam ecclesie Wygorniensis, cujus prior existis, honor accrescat, et successores tui priores ipsius ecclesie honorentur.

Hinc est, quod nos, tuis supplicationibus inclinati, auctoritate tibi, et eisdem successoribus tuis Apostolica tenore presentium indulgemus, ut tu, et iidem successores tui, mitra, anulo, baculo, tunica, et Dalmatica pastoralibus uti, ac benedictionem solemnem in missa et mensa dare libere valeatis, dummodo in benedictionis datione hujusmodi legatus sedis Apostolice, vel antistes aliquis, non sit presens.

Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem Omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum.

Data Avinion. die sexto Idus Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno nono (t).

(s) Waks. f. 128. b. (t) Lib. Pens. f. 51. a.

111. *Litera archiepiscopi ad priorem Wygorn.*

IN Christo fili charissime, utinam dissensionis scintilla inter verum fratrem nostrum dominum Henricum, Dei gratia, Wygorn. episcopum, et vos de hiis exterioribus, que vix congruunt animarum saluti, jam, quod dolemus, incensa, extinguatur providenti cautela, priusquam aliis sufflatibus in flammam transeat destructionis . . . porro nostre considerationis iudicio status vestre decentie non detrahatur, si careatis, in presentia prelati et pontificis, cui à vobis reverentia debetur, usu pastoralis baculi, ut sic aliquallyter prelacionis distinctio à subditis cognoscatur. Non omnino prior noster, qui in loco eminentiori preponitur, in presentia, nostra utitur baculo pastoralis, licet sede metropolitana vacante, sibi competat in prelatos et subditos Cantuariensis provincie superioritas et omnimoda jurisdictio spiritalis, semper in Christo valete. Scriptum in manerio nostro, &c. (u).

112. *Litera Ricardi, episcopi Wygorn. de intronizatione sua.*

IN Christo fili et amice dilectissime, loco salutationis consuete premissa benedictione paterna. Nos à diu, licet invitos, à nostra diocesi absentantes, commissi nobis regiminis necessitas onerosa, totiusque cleri nostri nobis multum benevoli gratissima liberalitas preexperta, excitant et inducunt, ut ad citius videndum vos et illos, et specialiter miri decoris pulcherrimam sponsam nostram, ad partes illas, cum omni celeritate possibili libentius festinemus. Quamobrem in ecclesia nostra cathedrali die quarto Februarii intronizari et installari, volente Domino, proponentes, amicitiam vestram votivis affectibus imploramus, quatinus eisdem die et loco vos, una cum aliis, tunc ibidem valentibus dominis et prelatis ad honoris nostri, et ecclesie nostre amplius incrementum, nobiscum adesse velitis in huiusmodi solenniis, et in mensa. Et quanquam vobis convivium delicatum pro tunc promittere non audemus, nichilominus tot et tantorum amicorum concurrentium mutua colloquia et personalis presentia uberius solatium loco delicatioris ferculi discumbentibus ministrabunt, et ulterius vultum hilarum et cor gratum habebitis, ut speramus. Vos diu conservet in prosperis Filius Virginis gloriose. Script. Jan. A. D. millesimo quadringentesimo secundo, et nostre translationis secundo (x).

(u) Lib. alb. f. 412. b. (x) Clifford. f. 54. b.

113. *De restitutione temporalium Wygorniensis episcopatus.*

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Wygorniaë, salutem.
 Cum dominus *summus pontifex* venerabilem patrem *Thomam*, nuper episcopum *Landavensem*, à vinculo, quo eidem ecclesiæ tenebatur, absolverit, et ipsum ad ecclesiam Wygorniensem, vacantem per translationem Ricardi, nuper episcopi ejusdem ecclesiæ Wygorniensis, transtulerit, ipsumque in episcopum dicti loci Wygorniaë præfecerit et pastorem: sicut per literas bullatas ipsius domini summi pontificis nobis inde directas, nobis constat; nos, pro eo, quod idem episcopus omnibus et singulis verbis, nobis, et coronæ nostræ præjudicialibus, in dictis literis bullatis contentis, coram nobis palam et expresse renuntiavit; et gratiæ nostræ humiliter se submisit, volentes cum eo in hac parte agere, gratiose cepimus fidelitatem ipsius episcopi, et temporalia dicti episcopatus Wygorniaë, prout moris est, restituimus eidem. Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod eidem episcopo temporalia prædicta, cum pertinentiis in balliva tua liberes, in forma prædicta, salvo jure cujuslibet. Teste rege apud Gloucestr. vicesimo die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Consimilia brevia diriguntur escaetoribus subscriptis, sub eadem data, videlicet,

Escaetori regis in Com. Glouc.
 Escaetori regis in Com. Midd.
 Escaetori regis in Com Warr.

Et mandatum est militibus, &c. (y).

(y) Rym. Fæd. T. viii. p. 503.

114. *Pro episcopo Wygornia.*

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis, quod de gratia nostra specialiter, et tam consideratione grandium onerum, quæ venerabilis in Christo pater, Thomas, episcopus Wygorniensis ante hæc tempora sustinuit, quam pro eo, quod ipse majorem quercuum quantitatem in bosco suo, infra forestam nostram de Fekenham, quam in aliquo alio bosco maneriis episcopatus sui Wygorniensis spectantibus, magis propinquo habet: Concessimus eidem episcopo licentiam ad tot quercus, sibi et episcopatus sui prædicto pertinentes, infra dictam forestam nostram, quod summam ducentarum marcarum attingent, per supervisum viridarium ibidem prosternendum, et venditioni exponi faciendum, pro domibus maneriorum suorum prædictorum, quæ in pluribus locis multipliciter defectivæ et ruinosæ existunt, inde reparandis et emendandis, et quæ per ipsum, tempore competenti, absque suis magnis custibus; ac etiam absque eo, quod per venditionem quercuum prædictarum relevari possit, competenter reparari non poterunt et emendari. In cujus, &c.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo septimo die Junii. *Per breve de privato sigillo (z).*

115. *Pro episcopo Wygorniensis de mutuo.*

REX omnibus, &c. salutem. Sciatis, quod, cum venerabilis in Christo pater, Thomas, episcopus Wygorniensis, consideratis grandibus custibus et expensis, quos nos pro communi commodo, circa prosecutionem et adeptionem juris nostri (Deo dante) in partibus Aquitanie, ac alibi in partibus transmarinis, infra breve facere oportebit, summam ducentarum marcarum nobis gratanter mutuaverit, et thesaurario nostro Angliæ summam illam ad opus nostrum persolverit, nos (pro securitate ipsius episcopi, ac prompta resolutione summæ prædictæ eidem facienda providere volentes) concessimus, et verbo regio promittimus præfato episcopo, et executoribus suis, quod ipsi, de summa prædicta, de denariis provenientibus de medietate decimæ, nobis per clerum Cantuariensis provincie in ultima Convocatione sua facta concessæ, ad festum sancti Martini in yeme proximo futurum solvenda, per manus suas, ac collectorum medietatis decimæ prædictæ in diocese Wygorniensis deputatorum, seu deputandorum, fideliter persolvatur, videlicet, per manus ipsius episcopi, pro spiritualibus et temporalibus suis de viginti et sex libris, duobus solidis, tribus denariis

(z) Rym Fæd. T. viii f. 535.

riis, et uno obolo. Per manus collectorum dictæ medietatis decimæ in archidiaconatu Gloucestriæ, de quinquaginta et tribus libris, duodecim solidis, duobus denariis, et uno obolo. Et per manus collectorum ejusdem medietatis in archidiaconatu Wygornienfi, de quinquaginta et tribus libris, duodecim solidis, et duobus denariis, virtute talliarum, super dictos episcopum et collectores ad receptam scaccarii nostri, pro eodem episcopo, vicesimo quinto die Julii proximo præterito, de eisdem summis separatim levaturum; et quod talliæ prædictæ sibi inde ad dictam receptam, ut prædicitur, levatæ, nec earum aliqua, prætextu aliquarum aliarum assignationum, exonerationum, vel pardonationum, per nos, hæredes, seu successores nostros, de medietate prædicta de cætero faciendarum, nullatenus cassentur, adnullentur, revocentur, seu absque consensu prædicti episcopi mutantur, seu mutetur. Nec quod dicta summa ducentarum marcarum, aut aliqua parcella inde, contra dictam concessionem nostram nobis, aut hæredibus nostris, vel ad opus nostrum, aut hæredum nostrorum, aliquam solvatur, nec per ipsos, seu hæredes nostros percipiatur, recipiatur, assignetur, aut pardonetur; injungentes præfatis collectoribus, et eorum cuilibet, et eorum attornatis et deputatis, quatinus dictas summas de medietate prædicta, super ipsos per tallias prædictas sic levatas, eidem episcopo, aut executoribus suis, solvant tallias dictas summas continentes, penes se, loco acquietantiæ recipientes. Volumus etiam, et concedimus præfato episcopo pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, per præsentem, quod nec prædictus episcopus, nec successores, aut executores sui, nec terrarum tenentes sui onerentur, nec eorum aliquis impofterum oneretur ad computandum in scaccario nostro, hæredum, vel successorum nostrorum, nec alicubi de summa prædicta, nec de aliqua parcella ejusdem. Nec quod ipse, aut successores, seu executores sui, seu eorum terrarum tenentes, inde molestentur, impetantur, nec aliquo modo per nos, hæredes, vel successores nostros, de receptione summæ prædictæ, vel alicujus inde parcellæ, molestentur, seu graventur, nec eorum aliquis molestetur, vel gravetur quoquo modo in futurum.

Volentes insuper, et concedentes pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, quod dicti collectores, et eorum quilibet, ac eorum deputati et assignati, in eorum compotis, ad dictum scaccarium nostrum, de medietate prædicta faciendis, de summis prædictis, dicto episcopo, aut executoribus suis, virtute talliarum prædictarum solvendis, ut prædicitur, sine quacunque contradictione nostra, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, quorumcumque exonerati existant pariter et quieti. Et quod thesaurarius et barones de scaccario nostro, qui nunc sunt, seu qui pro tempore erunt, aliquam exonerationem, sive allocationem ad idem scaccarium nostrum, eisdem collectoribus in compotis suis de medietate prædicta, de aliquibus aliis summis, per ipsos collectores inde colligendis, antequam dicta summa ducentarum marcarum, de dictis primis denariis per eodem collectores ejusdem medietatis levandis, præfato episcopo, aut executoribus suis plenarie persolvatur, minime faciant, nec fieri permittant quovis modo,

contra vim et effectum talliarum prædictarum. In cujus, &c. Teste rege
apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Julii.

Per ipsum regem et concilium (a).

116. *Forma electionis Philippi Morgan in episcopum Wygorn.*

IN Dei nomine. Amen. Per presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis
appareat evidenter, quod anno ab Incarnatione Domini, secundum cur-
sum et computationem ecclesie Anglicane, millesimo CCCCXIX. indic-
tione XII^a. pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris, ac domini nostri, do-
mini nostri Martini, divina providentia pape Quinti anno secundo, mensis
Aprilis die vicesima quarta, in domo capitulari ecclesie cathedralis Wy-
gorn. venerabiles et religiosi viri fratres Johannes Fordham, prior ecclesie
predicte, et ceteri in dicta ecclesia monachi, et ordinem regularem sanc-
ti Benedicti, ut asseruerunt, expresse professi. In mei notarii publici, ac
discretorum virorum magistri Ricardi Grafton, in legibus bacularii, ac do-
mini Johannis Brewer, capellani, et Willielmi Drawer, literati Wygorn.
dioc. testium ad hoc per prefatos priorem et capitulum specialiter rogato-
rum, personaliter constituti, capitulariter congregati, et hora capitulari,
ut mihi apparuit, capitulum ibidem facientes, super prefixione et assigna-
tione terminum, ad eligendum episcopum dicte ecclesie futurum,
per mortem bone memorie domini Thome Peverell, ultimi episco-
pi dicte ecclesie, qui secundo die mensis Martii tunc ultimo preterito
diem suum in manerio suo de Hambury in Salso Marisco clausit extre-
mum, regimine pastoris destitutus. faciend. et statuend. tractarunt in com-
muni Et. tandem prefatus Johannes Fordham, prior, de communi con-
sensu et assensu expresso omnium et singulorum suorum confratrum predic-
torum superius nominatorum, ac ipsius et ipsorum vice, nomine, et vo-
luntate expressis, die Lune, viz. vicesimum quartum die predicti mensis
Aprilis proxime tunc futurum, hora capitulari ejusdem diei consueta, cum
continuatione et prorogatione dierum et horarum sequentium, si oporteat,
usque ad finalem expeditionem negotiorum hujusmodi ad tractandum in ipsa
domo capitulari de electione futuri pontificis ipsius ecclesie et pastoris hu-
jusmodi canonice eligendi, et electionem hujusmodi celebrandum, ipsomet
Johanne priore, et ceteris commonachis omnibus et singulis superius no-
minatis ibidem tunc, ut prefertur, capitulariter et personaliter congregati,
cum tunc, ut dicebant, plures, aut alius in numero non erant, nec erat, in
dicta ecclesia monachi ordinem predictam professi seu professus, nec ali-
quis alius, qui deberet seu debet, possent seu posset, vellent seu vellet in
hujus electionis negotio, de proximo episcopo futuro celebrando, de con-
suetudine, vel de jure, quam prior et monachi supradicti prefixit, statuit,
et assignavit. Quo die adveniente, videlicet, xxiiii. die predicti mensis A-
prilis, anno Domini, Indictione, pontificatus, ac loco prefatis, pro elec-
tione

(a). Rym. Fœd. T. viii. p. 767.

tionem futuri episcopi, ut premittitur, assignato, in presencia mei notarii publici, et venerabilium virorum magistrorum Ricardi Grafton et Wilhelmi Burdone, in legibus bacularii, ac Johannis Ledbury, Johannis Stokes, et Joh. Sywnerton, publicorum auctoritate Apostolica notariorum, testimonium ad hoc rogatorum, prefatus Johannes Fordham, prior, et ceteri commonachi supradicti in dicta ecclesia convenerunt personaliter, et in eadem ecclesia missa de sancto Spiritu exstitit per unum monachorum predictorum ad summum altare ecclesie predictae devote celebrata; et post celebrationem dictae missae, ante horam decimam ejusdem diei, prefatus Johannes, prior, et omnes monachi supradicti, in predicta domo capitulari comparuerunt, et in eadem domo capitulari capitulum facientes, frater Thomas Ledbury, bacularius theologie, monachus ecclesie predictae, publice in lingua Latina proposuit Verbum Dei; et prepositione hujusmodi sermonis finita, Johannes, prior supradictus, fecit licentiam regiam eis, et ecclesie predictae concessam, et ibidem exhibitam, ad eligendum novum episcopum et pastorem, per fratrem Johannem Clyve, sacristam dictae ecclesie, et monachum, publice perlegi, cujus licencie regie tenor sequitur in hec verba:

‘ Henricus, Dei gratia, rex Francie et Anglie, et dominus Hibernie
‘ dilectis sibi in Christo priori et conventui ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn,
‘ salutem. Ex parte vestra nobis est humiliter supplicatum, ut cum ec-
‘ clesia vestra predicta, per mortem bone memorie Thome, ultimi episco-
‘ pi ecclesie illius, pastoris sit solatio destituta, alium vobis eligendi in e-
‘ piscopum et pastorem ejusdem ecclesie licentiam vobis concedere digna-
‘ remur. Nos precibus vestris in hac parte favorabiliter inclinati, licen-
‘ tiam illam vobis, tenore presentium, duximus concedendam. Mandantes,
‘ quod talem vobis eligatis in episcopum et pastorem, qui Deo devotus,
‘ ecclesie vestre predictae necessarius, nobisque et regno nostro utilis et fi-
‘ delis existat. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus
‘ patentes. Teste meipso apud civitatem Ebroycen. xxv. die Martii, anno
‘ regni nostri septimo.’

Qua quidem litera, sic, ut premittitur, lecta, statim post in communi lecta fuit publice constitutio Concilii Generalis, que sic incipit: *Quia propter, ut est moris*; et illa Constitutio fuit exposita eis in lingua Latina; et statim post lecturam et expositionem Constitutionis predictae, prefatus Johannes Fordham, prior, de consensu et voluntate tunc expressis omnium commonachorum et confratrum suorum predictorum, vice sua, ac nomine omnium et singulorum de capitulo seu conventu dictae ecclesie, quasdam monitionem et protestationem fecit in scriptis, ac legit, sub hac forma verborum:

IN DEI NOMINE. AMEN. Ego, frater Johannes Fordham, prior ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. dioc. vice mea, et nomine omnium et singulorum monachorum de capitulo ecclesie supradicte, de voluntate et consensu eorundem, moneo hic publice omnes excommunicatos, suspensos, et etiam interdictos, et alios, si qui forsan sunt hic inter nos, qui de jure, seu consuetudine, in isto electionis negotio interesse non debeant, seu non debent, quod de hoc capitulo nostro, seu domo nostra capitulari, statim recedant, me, et alios commonachos, et confratres dicte ecclesie in dicta domo capitulari congregatos, et capitulum facientes, ad quos jus et potestas eligendi pertinet, libere eligere permittentes. Protestans, quod non est mea, vel aliorum premissorum confratrum meorum voluntas vel intentio tales admittere, tanquam jus in electione habentes, aut procedere, seu eligere cum eisdem. Ymmo volo, et vult quilibet nostrorum, quod voces talium, si qui reperiantur, postmodum nulli prestant suffragium, nec afferant alicui nocumentum, sed prorsus pro non receptis, seu pro non habitis, penitus habeantur.

Quibus quidem monitione et protestatione sic factis, venerabiles viri magistri Ricardus Grafton, et Willelmus Burdone, in legibus bacularius, ac Johannes Ledbury, et Johannes Stokes, publice auctoritate Apostolica notarii, ego Ricardus Lanrak, notarius subscriptus, protestati fuimus, et quilibet nostrorum protestatus est, tunc ibidem, palam, publice, et expresse, nos non habere aliquod jus interessendi cum eis in electionis negotio faciendo per eosdem de ipsorum episcopo et pastore futuro, et ideo nos velle ab eisdem priore et capitulo statim recedere, nisi essemus specialiter rogati ad interessendum cum eisdem in negotio predicto. Quibus protestationibus, sic, ut premittitur, factis, statim post prefatus frater Johannes, prior, et omnes monachi, superius nominati, sic, ut premittitur, capitulariter congregati, et conventum dicte ecclesie, ut michi apparuit, in prefata domo capitulari facientes, rogarunt specialiter prefatos magistros Ricardum Grafton, et Willelmum Burdone, Johannem Ledbury, et Johannem Stokes, supradictos, et me Ricardum Lanrak, notarium publicum subscriptum, quod essemus cum eisdem in toto ejusdem electionis negotio celebrando ipsorum futuri episcopi et pastoris, ad regulandum, si oporteret, hujusmodi electionis negotium cum eisdem, et perhibendum testimonium veritati super actis hujusmodi negotii, et agendis; expulsis primitus de dicta domo capitulari, quibuscunque personis extraneis jus et vocem in dicta electione celebranda non habentibus. Postea, per magistrum Ricardum Grafton, regulatorem ipsius electionis, fuerat tunc expositum in dicta domo capitulari utrum per viam scrutinii, compromissi, aut Spiritus Sancti in hujusmodi electionis negotio esset per eosdem procedendum. Tandem placuit dicto priori, omnibusque, et singulis commonachis, et confratribus dicte ecclesie ibidem capitulariter congregatis, et capitulum facientibus, ad electionem episcoporum

eorum futuri et pastoris unanimiter et concorditer, per viam Spiritus Sancti velle procedere, et sic subito et repente nullo prorsus inter ipsos, ut mihi notario publico videbatur, tractatu prehabito in hac parte, neque aliqua instigatione humana aliter precedente seu interveniente, quod scivi, vel scire potui, ego notarius infrascriptus, sed absque aliquo intervallo Spiritus Sancti gratia, ut apparuit, inspirati, prior prefatus, primo et statim, in venerabilem virum magistrum Philippum Morgan, utriusque juris doctorem, virum utique, ut asseritur, providum et discretum, vita et moribus merito commendandum, in ordine sacerdotali, et etate legitima notorie constitutum, de legitimo matrimonio procreatum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus quam plurimum circumspectum, consentit; et ipsum in suum episcopum et pastorem elegit tunc ibidem, et sic incontinenti omnes et singuli monachi ecclesie supradicte prefatum magistrum Philippum, una voce, et uno spiritu, canonice et concorditer, nullo ipsorum commonachorum dicte ecclesie in hac parte discrepante, in dicte ecclesie episcopum et pastorem elegerunt, et eidem ecclesie providerunt de eodem, *Te Deum* solempniter decantantes, et sic decantando, usque ad summum altare ejusdem ecclesie processerunt; finitaque decantatione hujusmodi, prefatus prior et commonachi ecclesie memorate rogarunt prefatum magistrum Willelmum Burdone, ut dictam electionem, sic de prefato magistro Philippo concorditer et canonice celebratum publicaret in communi. Qui quidem magister Willelmus statim dictam electionem et formam ejusdem de prefato circumspecto viro magistro Philippo Morgan factam in lingua materna, publice alta, et intelligibili voce, coram multitudine populi tunc astantis, vulgariter publicavit. Et ex tunc dicti prior et commonachi ad alia loca, ubi voluerunt, se tunc divertebant. Acta sunt hec, prout supra scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno Domini M^o CCCC^o XIX. indictione, pontificatu, mense, diebus, et locis predictis; presentibus tunc ibidem prefatis magistris Ricardo Grafton, et Willielmo Burdone, in legibus baccular. ac magistris Johanne Ledbury, Johanne Stokes, et Johanne Swynerton, clericis publicis, auctoritate Apostolica, notariis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

‘ Et ego Johannes Stokes, clericus Wygorn. dioc. publicus, auctoritate Apostolica, notarius, premissis omnibus et singulis, dum sic, ut premittitur, agerantur, et fiebant, sub anno Domini, Indictione pontificatu, mensis die, et loco predictis, una cum prenominationis in hujusmodi electionis interessendi requisitis, prefixione termini statuti, per predictos priorem, pro electione futuri episcopi Wygorn et pastoris, et facti, duntaxat exceptis, personaliter interfui, eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi, ac de mandato prefati prioris et capituli ecclesie cathedralis predicte aliunde occupatus per alium, scribi feci, publicavi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis per predictum priorem et conventum requisitus et rogatus signavi, in fidem presentis instrumenti, ac omnium et singulorum premissorum testimonium (b).

(b) Reg. Sed. vac. f. CCXL. CCXLI.

117. *Litera prioris et conventus ad papam Martinum Quintum.*

SANCTISSIMO in Christo patri ac domino, domino Martino, divina providentia, pape, Quinto, ac universalis ecclesie summo pontifici, sui humiles et devoti filii Johannes, prior ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie Wygornie, et ejusdem loci capitulum ordinis sancti Benedicti, cum omni reverentia et honore devota pedum oscula beatorum. Vacante nuper ecclesia Wygorn. predicta per mortem bone memorie domini Thome Peverell, ultimi episcopi dicte ecclesie, qui die secunda mensis Marcii, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^o. decimo octavo, diem suum clausit extremum, ipsiusque corpore postea in ecclesia fratrum Carmelitarum juxta universitatem Oxon. infra dioc. Lincoln. ecclesiastice tradito sepulture: Nos fratres Johannes Fordham, prior ecclesie cathedralis supradicte, Johannes Dudley supprior, Johannes Hatfield elemosynarius, Rogerus Evesham, Johannes Wyrecetre camerarius, Thomas Hertulbury hostilarius, Thomas Rudyng coquinarius, Willelmus Croppethorne infirmarius, Johannes Clyve sacrista, Thomas Ledbury baccalarius in theologia, Radulphus Fylkin tumbarius, Johannes Stone, Johannes Lye rectorarius, Johannes Hambury celerarius, Johannes Cowlesdon magister capelle, Johannes Temedebury precentor, Johannes Alcetre subcamerarius, Ricardus Wyrctetre succentor, Thomas Colwell tertius prior, Ricardus Cowerne pitanciaris, Thomas Aldurton, Ricardus Tyburton subcelerarius, Robertus Lawerne, Willelmus Brokton, Thomas Musard capellanus, Ricardus Stoolton, Willelmus Hodynton subsacrista, Thomas Blakwell quartus prior, Ricardus Barndesley scolaris Oxon. Johannes George, Johannes Esbury, Johannes Whytinton, Ricardus Lychefeld, Robertus Schrovesbury, Willelmus Hertulbury, Johannes Sudbury, Johannes Stodley, Willelmus Evesham, Thomas Littlehull et Johannes Stafford, in dicta ecclesia cathedrali monachi, regulam sancti Benedicti in dicta ecclesia cathedrali, seu ejus monasterio expresse professi, et in sacris ordinibus constituti, et in eisdem ordinibus publice ministrantes, pro talibus etiam notarie habiti et reputati, capitulum ejusdem ecclesie facientes in domo capitulari ipsius ecclesie congregati xiiii^o. die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^o. decimo nono, diem vicesimum quartum dicti mensis Aprilis, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium pro electione futuri episcopi dicte ecclesie cathedralis nostre, et pastoris, celebranda nobismet ipsis prefiximus et assignavimus, de consensu nostrorum omnium et singulorum expresse. Quibus die et loco nos omnes et singuli monachi supradicti ad celebrandum dictam electionem congregati, cum non essent alii, qui hujusmodi electioni interesse deberent, missa de Sancto Spiritu in choro dicte ecclesie ad magnum altare ejusdem celebrata subsequenter, et ympno Veni Creator Spiritus, in domo capitulari ejusdem solemniter decan-

decantato, optentaque licentia regia, exhibita, et perlecta, pro electione hujusmodi facienda, propositoque Verbo Dei, et quibusdam monitionibus per predictum priorem nostrum, de voluntate et consensu expressis omnium et singulorum monachorum dicte ecclesie factis in hac parte, sub hac forma verborum :

‘ **I**N Dei nomine. Amen. Ego frater Johannes Fordham, prior ecclesie cathedralis Wygornie Wygorn. dioc. vice mea, ac vice et nomine omnium et singulorum monachorum de capitulo ecclesie supradicte, de voluntate et consensu eorumdem, moneo hic publice omnes excommunicatos, suspensos, et etiam interdictos, ac alios, si qui forsan sint hic inter nos, qui de jure, seu consuetudine in isto electionis negotio interesse non debeant, seu non debent, quod de hoc capitulo nostro, seu domo nostra capitulari, statim recedant, me, et alios commonachos, et confratres dicte ecclesie in domo nostra capitulari congregatos, et capitulum facientes, ad quos jus et potestas eligendi pertinet, libere eligere permittentes. Protestans, quod non est mea, vel aliorum premissorum confratrum meorum voluntas, vel intentio, tales admittere, tanquam jus in electione habentes, aut procedere, seu eligere cum eisdem. Ymmo volo, et vult quilibet nostrorum, quod voces talium, si qui reperiantur postmodum, nulli prestant suffragium, nec afferant alicui nocumentum, sed prorsus pro non receptis, seu pro non habitis penitus habeantur’.

Et incontinenter post premissa, exclusis, per priorem et capitulum predictos, à dicta domo capitulari, secularibus, et aliis personis quibuscumque, qui electioni hujusmodi nostre interesse non deberent, exceptis dumtaxat venerabilibus et discretis viris magistro Ricardo Grafton, et Willelmo Burdone, in legibus baccalariis, ac Ricardo Lanrak, Johanne Ledbury, et Johanne Stoke, clericis notariis, auctoritate Apostolica, publicis, ad interessendum nobiscum in presenti electionis negotio, tanquam regulatoribus ejusdem negotii, et testibus per nos assumptis spiritualiter et rogatis, lectaque constitutione Concilii Generalis, *Quia propter*, expositisque nobis formis electionum in dicta constitutione contentis et declaratis, statim, nullo tractatu interveniente, facta interrogatione per predictum magistrum Ricardum Grafton, dicte electionis regulatorem, per quam viam ad futuri pontificis electionis essent processuri, dominus prior antedictus statim respondebat in hunc modum :

‘ Placet mihi de electione Spiritus Sancti, et Spiritus Sancti gratia invocata, magistrum Philippum Morgan, utriusque juris doctorem, virum utique providum et discretum, vita et moribus merito commendandum, de legitimo matrimonio procreatum, in ordine sacerdotali, et etate legitima, constitutum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus plurimum circumspectum, scientem et valentem dicte ecclesie jura tueri, et cui nil obviat de canonicis institutis, eligo in episcopum et pastorem ecclesie memorate.’

Quo facto omnes et singuli commonachi et confratres ejusdem capituli in continenti in prefatum magistrum Philippum Morgan suum prebuerunt consensum,

ac unanimiter, et concorditer, ipsum per viam Spiritus Sancti elegerunt canonice tunc ibidem; moxque *Te Deum laudamus* decantantes, et ad majus altare dicte ecclesie cum dicta decantatione procedentes; demum finita dicta decantatione per magistrum Willelmum Burdon antedictum, electionem, ut prefertur, de predicto magistro Philippo celebratam fecerunt in lingua materna publice, et alta voce publicari, et sic secesserunt ab ecclesia predicta. Ea propter sanctitati vestre, nos, prior et capitulum supradicti, voce unanimi supplicamus humiliter et devote, quatinus eandem electionem tam concordem sic solempniter et canonice celebratam, benigne dignemini confirmare, ac electo nostro munus consecrationis impendere, et cetera eidem in hac parte necessaria favorabiliter impertiri, ut, Deo auctore, nobis et ecclesie predictae, velut pastor ydoneus, preesse valeat, et prodesse, nos, sub ipsius regimine, possumus in regularibus disciplinis coram Deo salubriter militare. Ceterum, ut sanctitas vestra cognoscat evidentius premissam rei geste veritatem, nosque in hujusmodi petitione fore unanimes et concordantes, sanctitati vestre presens electionis nostre decretum transmittimus, quod per Ricardum Lanrak, clericum Oxon. dioc. notarium publicum subscriptum, scribi et publicari mandavimus, ac coram nobis in dicta domo nostra capitulari nostri communis sigilli appensione fecimus communiri. Dat' et act' quoad sigillationem presentis decreti nostri vicesimo sexto die prefati mensis Aprilis, sub anno Domini millesimo CCCC^o. decimo nono, Indictione duodecima, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris, et domini nostri, domini Martini, divina providentia, pape Quinti anno secundo, presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris, magistris Ricardo Grafton, et Willelmo Burdon, clericis, in legibus baccalariis, et notariis publicis subscriptis, testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis.

Et ego Ricardus Lanrak, clericus Exoniensis dioceseos, publicus, auctoritate Apostolica, notarius, premissis omnibus et singulis, dum sic, ut premitur, agebantur et fiebant, sub anno Domini, Indictione, pontificat. mense, die, et loco predictis, una cum testibus in hujusmodi electionis et interessentibus, prefixione termini statuti, per predictos priorem et conventum pro electione futuri episcopi Wygorn. et pastoris, facta, dumtaxat exceptis, presens interfui, eaque omnia et singula sic fieri audivi, ac sigilli communis dictorum prioris et conventus appensionem vidi, meque aliis negotiis multipliciter impedito, per alium scribi feci, publicavi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, signoque et nomine meis solitis signavi rogatus et requisitus, in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum premissorum (c).

(c) Reg. Sed. vac. f. CCXLII, et CCXLIII.

118. *De Custodia temporalium episcopatus Wygorniae commissa.*

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis, quod per manucaptionem *Thomæ Guynne* de Londonia, et *Ricardi Trohaites* de comitatu Wygorniae, commisimus magistro *David Pryse*, canonico ecclesiae cathedralis Lincolniae, et *Willielmo Hertlond*, custodiam omnium temporalium episcopatus Wygorniae, nuper per mortem venerabilis patris *Thomæ Peverell*, nuper episcopi loci illius, vacantis, et in manu nostra ex causa praedicta existentium. Habenda à festo sancti Michaelis ultimo praeterito, usque ad diem confectionis praesentium, reddendo nobis pro custodia praedicta quadraginta marcas tantum ad scaccarium nostrum ad festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistae proximo futurum. In cujus, &c.

Teste *Johanne Duce Bedfordiae*, custode Angliae, apud *Westmonasterium* xviii. die Octobris,

Per billam *Willielmi Rynwolmersh*, deputati thesaurarii Angliae (d).

119. *De Requestibus pro Transituris ad Generale Concilium.*

REX universis et singulis regibus, principibus, ducibus, marchionibus, comitibus, nobilibus, baronibus, dominis, vicecomitibus, capitaneis, castellanis, constabulariis, gubernatoribus vicorum, fortalitorum, civitatum, castrorum, et omnibus amicis et benevolis nostris, ac populis cujuscumque status, gradus, dignitatis, preeminentiae, seu conditionis fuerint, ad quos praesentes literae pervenerint. Salutem in omnium Salvatore.

Cum venerabilis pater *Thomas, Wygorniensis* episcopus, pro bono publico militantis ecclesiae, ac nostri, regnorum, dominiorum, et subditorum nostrorum, in ambassata nostra ad GENERALE CONCILIUM apud civitatem Basileensem jam existens, ac alias partes mundi longinquas, ex ordinatione et appunctuamento nostris, se transferre habeat in praesenti.

Universitatem vestram multipliciter honorabilem, et quemlibet vestrum per se attentius et efficacius quo possumus, tenore praesentium, requirimus et rogamus quatinus

(d) Rym. Fæd. T. ix. p. 807.

Eundem episcopum, cum ipse per regna, dominia, territoria, loca, districtus, iurisdictiones, et potestates vestra, seu alicujus vestrum, per terram vel per aquam transire contigerit, nostræ majestatis intuitu, et harum precum nostrarum speciali interventu, propensius recommendatum habentes.

Eundem episcopum cum familiaribus, equis, bonis, hernefiis, et rebus suis quibuscumque recipiatis, et inibi morari, seu per eadem regna, dominia, territoria, loca, districtus, iurisdictiones, et potestates, cum sibi placuerit, libere, et absque impedimento seu perturbatione quacumque redire permittatis, sine solutione Dacii, Pedagii, Gabelli, aut aliqua aperitione manticarum, literarum, seu hernefionum, necnon saluum et securum conductum ac scortam sibi, si necesse fuerit, suis sumptibus habere faciatis.

Non inferentes eis, nec quomodolibet inferri permittentes, in corporibus seu bonis eorundem, dampnum, impedimentum, violentiam, injuriam, molestiam, aut gravamen, quin potius, si egeant, eis, in eorum agendis ministrare dignemini consilium, auxilium, et favorem, ac scortam saluumque et securum conductum per passus, loca, et dominia vestra, et cujuslibet vestrum, rationalibus sumptibus et expensis. Et siquid eis in personis vel rebus injuriatum fuerit (quod nollemus) id indilate reformari curetis nostris precibus, et amore.

Nos siquidem subditis vestris, et cujuslibet vestrum, cum ad regna, seu ad dominia nostra aliquos ex ipsis declinare contigerit, favorem consimilem, et majorem, si indiguerint, grato animo impendere promittimus, et de facto veraciter impendemus.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, usque redditum prædicti episcopi in Angliam, duraturas.

Dat' sub magni sigilli nostri testimonio, *in palatio nostro Westm.* xxviii. die Novembris (e).

(e) Rym. Fœd. T. x. p. 527.

120. *Pro episcopo Wygorn. de exportando.*

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem.

Sciatis, quod de avifamento et assensu concilii nostri, concessimus, et licentiam dedimus venerabili in Christo patri *Thomæ*, episcopo *Wygornienfi*, quem in ambassata nostra, versus *Generale Concilium* apud *Basiliam* jam existens, in præfenti destinamus: Quod ipse bona et jocalia ac vasa argentea sua usque ad valorem *mille librarum* secum extra regnum nostrum Angliæ ducere possit, et cariare absque perturbatione sive impetitione quacunque nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum, in futurum; aliquibus statutis sive ordinationibus, in contrarium factis non obstantibus. In cujus, &c.

Teste rege, apud *Westmonasterium*, vicesimo octavo die Novembris.

Per breve de privato sigillo (f).

121. *Pro eodem episcopo.*

REX, &c. ut supra usque ibi jam existens, et tunc sic, ad servitium nobis ibidem impendendum, in præfenti destinamus, quod in casu, quo ipse, in ambassata nostra prædicta, ultra unum annum moretur, et eodem anno finito, sibi de *quingentis marcis*, pro expensis suis, pro secundo anno, aut aliter, juxta ratam temporis, per quod dictum concilium durabit, per nos minime provideatur, quod ex tunc ipse à prædicto concilio legitime recedere possit, et meare ad Apostolos visitandum, absque perturbatione, sive impetitione quacunque nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum in futurum.

Et quod ipse, simili modo, ab eodem *Concilio Generali* recedere possit, si sibi per nos de *quingentis marcis* pro expensis suis pro tertio anno, si dictum concilium per tantum tempus durare contingat, non provideatur. In cujus, &c.

Teste ut supra.

Per breve de privato sigillo (g).

(f) Ibid. p. 528.

(g) Ibid.

122. *Pro episcopo memorato.*

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem.

Sciatis, quod nos, de avisamento et consensu concilii nostri, ordinavimus et appunctuavimus venerabilem in Christo patrem, *Thomam, Wygorniensem* episcopum, ad eundem, cum aliis, in ambassata nostra versus *Generale Concilium* apud Basiliam, ad præsens existens.

Ac, de gratia nostra speciali, et ad requisitionem prædicti episcopi, nec non ea consideratione, quod ipse nobis concessit de transeundo in eadem ambassata nobis serviturus, de avisamento et assensu dicti concilii nostri, concessimus, et licentiam dedimus *eidem episcopo*, quod ipse, dicto *Generali Concilio* finito, dissoluto, aut ultra unum annum prorogato, limina Apostolorum licenter visitare, et ibidem, pro indulgentiis perquirendis, per spatium unius anni morari possit, absque perturbatione sive impetitione nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum quacumque in futurum.

In cujus, &c.

Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo octavo die Novembris.

Per breve de privato sigillo (b).

123. *Receptio ambassiatorum regis in primo congressu ad Concilium Basileense.*

ISTI sunt prelati, qui equitando honorarunt dominos episcopum Wygornensem, et priorem Northwycensem, ambassiatores Christianissimi principis domini nostri regis Anglie et Francie, in eorum primo congressu ad Concilium Basileense.

In primis, dominus presidens concilii misit fratrem suum, et familiares suos. Item, dominus cardinalis Placentinus misit J. prepositum, et familiares suos. Item, dominus cardinalis sancti Eustachii misit duos prelatos, et suos familiares. Item, dominus episcopus Mediolanensis venit personaliter. Item, archiepiscopus Lugdunensis, ambassiator Delhini, misit suos familiares. Item, dominus episcopus Constantiensis, personaliter. Item, episcopus Paviensis, similiter. Item, dominus episcopus Cumanus, similiter. Item, episcopus Laudon. similiter. Item, episcopus Belicen. similiter. Item, episcopus Augusten. similiter. Item, episcopus Lawzonen. similiter. Item, episcopus Cabilicen. similiter. Item, episcopus Messinen. Item, epi-

(b) Rym. Fœd. T. x. p. 528.

scopus Novarien. Item, episcopus Albigarien. Item, abbas Siftercien. Item, abbas Virgiliacen. Item, abbas sancti Ambrosii Mediolanen. et undecim alii abbates, et prior de Caritate. Item, ambaffiator duorum archiepiscoporum Moguntinen. et Colonen. ac Lodowici, comitis Palatini et ducis Bavarie, electorum sacri imperii. Item, tres turme Boemiorum in opertis equis positorum. In prima turma erant Pragenfes, in fecunda erat fefta Orphanorum; et in ea erat Petrus Payn, et alias dicitur Clerk, Anglicus; et in tertia erat fefta Thaboritarum; et erat numerus omnium predictorum equitantium, cum fuis familiaribus, ut estimatur, non minus quam quinginti equeftres. Quarto vero die Marcii venerunt ambaffiatores domini pape, viz. archiepiscopus, episcopus, et ii. abbates, contra quos equitarunt plures domini et prelati. Acta fuerunt hec mense Marcii, anno Domini millesimo CCCC°. tricesimo fecundo, sacro Concilio Basiliensi convenientes in unum (i).

124. *Forma electionis episcopi Thome Bourgbier.*

SANCTISSIMO in Christo patri, ac domino nostro Eugenio, divina providentia, sacrosancte Romane ecclesie summo pontifici, vestri oratores continui et devoti in Christo filii, frater Johannes Fordam, prior ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. et ejusdem loci conventus ordinis sancti Benedicti, cum omni veneratione et honore filiali devotissima pedum oscula beatorum. Cum propter vacationem diutinam ecclesie pastoris solatio destituta in spiritualibus et temporalibus dispendia paciantur, conditores canonum, provida deliberatione, statuerunt, quod ultra tres menses vacare non debeat ecclesia cathedralis; ea propter ad vestre beatitudinis notitiam deducimus per presentes, quod vacante nuper ecclesia cathedrali predicta per mortem reverende memorie domini Thome Polton, ultimi episcopi ejusdem ecclesie, qui in Concilio Basiliensi diem suum clausit extremum, de cujus morte xxv. die mensis Septembris ultimi preteriti nobis priori et conventui primitus constabat, et non ante, ipsiusque domini Thome episcopi predicti corpore venerabiliter, prout decuit, ecclesiastice tradito sepulture, petitaque ab excellentissimo principe et domino, domino Henrico, Dei gratia, rege Anglie et Francie, dicte ecclesie cathedralis fundatore et patrono, ut moris est, alium in nostrum et dicte ecclesie episcopum eligendi licentia pariter et optenta. Nos prior, ne dicte ecclesie cathedralis sue viduitatis incommoda diucius deploraret, de voluntate, assensu, et mandato conventus ecclesie cathedralis predictae in domo capitulari ejusdem ecclesie antepenultimo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini M°. CCCCXXXIII°. insimul capitulariter congregati, et capitulum sive conventum facientes, diem Mercurii, viz. ix. diem mensis

(i) Lib. alb. f. 144.

Decembris ex tunc proxime futurum, nobismet ipsis, et cuilibet de dicto conventu, ad electionem futuri episcopi dicte ecclesie cathedralis in domo capitulari tunc faciendam, et ad procedendum in hujusmodi electionis negotio in dicta domo capitulari celebrande, necnon ad omnia alia et singula facienda, exercenda, et expedienda, que ipsius electionis negotium, et nos in hac parte contingere poterant, vel debeant, et que in eadem requiruntur, usque ad finalem expeditionem ejusdem inclusive, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum tunc sequentium, quousque electio hujusmodi fuerit celebrata, prefiximus, statuimus, et assignavimus tunc ibidem. Dicto vero die Mercurii, viz. dicti mensis Decembris ix. anno Domini supradicto, ut prefertur, assignato adveniente, missa de Spiritu Sancto ad summum altare dicte ecclesie cathedralis solempniter celebrata, ipsaque finita, et campana adstatim, ut moris est, ad capitulum sive conventum congregandi pulsata, nos, prior, ac omnes et singuli de conventu ecclesie cathedralis sepedicte, videlicet, nos, Johannes Fordam, prior predictus, ac frater Thomas Musard, supprior, Thomas Ledbury, sacre theologie professor, Rogerus Evesham, Will. Cropthorne, Johannes Clyve, Thomas Collewelle, Ricardus Cowarne, Thomas Alderton, Ricardus Tiburtone, Johannes Stafford, Will. Hodynton, Thomas Blacwell, Ricardus Barnesley, Will. Hertilbury, Johannes Whytynton, Johannes George, Ricardus Lychefeld, Johannes Sudbury, Johannes Stodley, Thomas Lylshull, Ricardus Wellip, Johannes Hanley, Johannes Malvern, Will. Ludlow, Johannes Clyfton, Walterus Evyas, Egidius Holliwell, Egidius Kydermystre, Will. Blount, Johannes Morton, Johannes Bokynhull, Johannes Hertilbury, Johannes Worcestre, Johannes Longley, Johannes Evesham, Hugo Leyntwardyn, Ricardus Tendebury, Johannes Webley, Johannes Broghtone, Thomas Welford, presbyteri; Johannes Lawarn, Isaac Ledbury, Thomas Wyche, diaconi, et Hugo Knyghton, subdiaconus, dicte ecclesie cathedralis commonachi et confratres, predictum ordinem sancti Benedicti in dicta ecclesia cathedrali expresse professi, ac in etate sufficienti et legitima constituti, cum non fuerunt, neque sunt, alii seu alius, jus seu vocem in electione hujusmodi habentes, seu habens, qui debuerunt aut debent interesse, quam nos commonachi et confratres superius specialiter nominati, domum nostram capitularem ecclesie cathedralis antedicte adivimus, et ibidem capitulariter congregati, et capitulum sive conventum dicte ecclesie cathedralis facientes, propositoque ibidem per unum de confratribus nostris Verbo Dei, ac ymno *Veni Creator Spiritus* per nos decantato, et Spiritus Sancti gratia humiliter invocata, prefatus venerabilis vir, frater Johannes Fordam, prior supradictus, de voluntate, consensu, et mandato omnium monachorum conventus supradicti quamdam monitionem et protestationem fecit, et perlegit publice tunc ibidem, sub forma que sequitur verborum.

IN Dei nomine. Amen. Ego, Johannes Fordam, prior ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. ac presidens hujusmodi capituli, vice mea, ac nomine omnium et singulorum monachorum de capitulo seu conventu ecclesie cathedralis antedictae, ac de mandato et voluntate eorumdem, monacho omnes et singulos excommunicatos, suspensos, ac etiam interdictos, ac quoscunque alios, si qui forsan hic sint, qui de jure, vel consuetudine, seu quavis alia ratione, in instanti electionis negotio de futuro episcopo istius ecclesie Dei presidio celebrande interesse non debeant, quod à domo ista capitulari, et hoc capitulo nostro recevant, me, et alios commonachos ac confratres meos ecclesie cathedralis predictae voces in electione hujusmodi habentes, libere eligere permittentes, protestans omnibus, via, modo, et forma juris melioribus, quibus efficacius et utilius potero nomine meo, ac vice, nomine, et mandato omnium et singulorum commonachorum et confratrum meorum supradictorum hic componentium jus et voces in isto electionis negotio habentium, quod non est mea, vel aliorum confratrum meorum ecclesie cathedralis predictae intentio seu voluntas tales admittere, tanquam jus seu voces in hujusmodi electionem habentes, aut procedere, seu eligere cum eisdem; ymmo volo, et vult quilibet nostrorum, quod voces talium, si que postmodum reperiantur, quod absit, in electione hujusmodi intervenisse, nullum prestant suffragium, nec afferant alicui nocumentum, sed prorsus pro non receptis, et non habitis, nullisque omnino et invalidis penitus habeantur.

Quibus quidem monitione et protestatione sic factis, nulli alii in dicta domo capitulari remanserunt, preter nos XLV. commonachos et confratres supradictos, et preter venerabiles et discretos viros magistros Johannem Hody, ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis cancellarium, Johannem Stokys, legum doctorem, Adam Moleyns, Johannem Cokkys, in legibus baccalarium, Johannem Skeffyntone, in decretis baccalarium, Robertum Kent, Robertum Dunnygge, et Thomam Litolbury, notarios publicos, quos supradictos magistros Johannem Hody et Johannem Stokys ad dirigendum nos in actu electionis hujusmodi, et ad informandum nos de viis et electionum formis, prestitutoque Robertum Kent, Robertum Dunnygg, et Thomam Litolbury, notarios predictos, ad reducendum in scriptis acta sive gesta in hujusmodi nostre electionis negotio, et ad conficiendum instrumenta publica de et super eisdem, prout opus fuerit, ac dictos Adam Moleyns, Johannem Cokkys, et Johannem Skeffyngton, ad testificandum et perhibendum testimonium veritati de et super actis et agendis, per nos in hac parte rogavimus et requisivimus, ac nobiscumque in dicta domo capitulari fecimus remanere. Lectaque coram nobis litera licentie regiefundatoris et patroni ecclesie cathedralis sepedictae, nobis, ut premittitur, concessa. Cujus tenor talis est:

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Henricus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, &c. Ac nominibus et cognominibus omnium confratrum et commonachorum ecclesie cathedralis predicte, in una cedula conscriptis, publice prelectis, lectum quoque fuit eciam coram nobis, et expositum, per prefatum magistrum Johannem Stokys, legum doctorem, capitulum, *Quia propter*, et singule vie, sive forme, descripte in eodem; post cujus quidem capituli lecturam et expositionem, sic, ut prefertur, habitam et factam, immediate, nullo tractatu prehabito, nec actu aliquo, seu notificatione interveniente, supradictus frater Johannes Fordam, prior ecclesie cathedralis prelibate, venerabilem virum magistrum Thomam Bourgchier, in facultate artium magistrum, liberum et legitimum, ac in et de legitimo matrimonio procreatum, virum utique providum et discretum, literarum scientia, vitaeque et moribus merito commendandum, in ordine sacerdotali constitutum, et in spiritualibus et temporalibus plurimum circumspectum, scientem et valentem iura dicte ecclesie cathedralis protegere sufficienter et tueri, cum quo, ut dicitur, et ut informamur, licet non plenum super etatis sue defectum, ad episcopatus dignitatem optinendam per sedem Apostolicam in hac parte sufficienter extitit dispensatum, in nostrum et dicte ecclesie Wygorn. episcopum elegit, ac probabili dubio et ignorantia ductus eundem magistrum Thomam Bourgchier à sanctissimo in Christo patre, et domino nostro, domino Eugenio, divina providentia papa nostra, in episcopum ecclesie cathedralis predicte postulavit, prout de jure melius valere potest. Nosque alii commonachi et confratres superius in specie descripti, omnes et singuli, capitulum sive conventum ejusdem ecclesie cathedralis, ut premittitur, facientes, nullo nostrorum discrepante, et subito et repente, nullo contractu seu actu vel facto aliquo interveniente, sed absque intervallo, Spiritus Sancti gratia, ut firmiter credimus, inspirante, eundem reverendum virum magistrum Thomam Bourgchier in nostrum et prefate ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. episcopum, unico spiritu, unico contextu, et una voce, concorditer elegimus. Et propter probabile dubium dispensationis, superius declaratum, eundem magistrum Thomam Bourgchier à prefato sanctissimo in Christo patre et domino nostro papa predict. in dicte ecclesie episcopum etiam concorditer et unanimiter postulavimus, prout de jure melius valere potest, pretextu premissorum. Ac data per nos priorem et confratres predictos, sic, ut prefertur, inibi capitulum sive conventum facientes, supradicto fratre Thoma Ledbury duntaxat excepto, eidem fratri Thome potestate sufficiente ad eligendum et postulandum in communi, prout potest melius de jure valere, vice sua, ac vice et nomine dictorum priorum et conventus, ac omnium jus et voces in hujusmodi electione habentium, prefatum magistrum Thomam Bourgchier, in nostrum et dicte ecclesie cathedralis episcopum, hujusmodi electionem et postulacionem, cum facte fuerint, clero et populo, juxta juris exigentiam, solempniter publicandam, pariter et concessam, prefatus frater Thomas Ledbury, hujusmodi potestatem in se assumens, vice et nomine nostris, atque
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vice sua coram nobis, ut prefertur, capitulariter congregatis, prefatum magistrum Thomam Bourgchier in nostrum et sepedicte ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. episcopum publice tunc ibidem elegit, et postulavit, sub hac forma verborum :

‘ **I**N Dei nomine. Amen. Vacante noviter ecclesia ista cath. Wygorn.
‘ per mortem reverende memorie domini, domini Thome, nuper et
‘ ultimi episcopi ecclesie cathedralis predicte, et prelati regimine destituta, vo-
‘ catis omnibus et singulis, qui de jure seu consuetudine fuerunt in hac par-
‘ te evocandi, ad electionem futuri episcopi celebrandam, et isto die ad hoc
‘ prefixo, presentibus omnibus et singulis, qui debuerunt, voluerunt, et po-
‘ tuerunt commode interesse. Nos prior, et omnes confratres et com-
‘ monachi ecclesie cathedralis predicte, reverendum virum, magistrum
‘ Thomam, Thomam Bourgchier, in nostrum et istius ecclesie episcopum
‘ concorditer et unanimiter elegimus, et ex certis causis postulavimus, prout
‘ potest melius de jure valere.

‘ Idemque prior et conventus michi Thome Ledbury, confratri et commo-
‘ nacho ecclesie cathedralis predicte, ad eligendum et postulandum, ut prefer-
‘ tur, eundem magistrum Thomam Bourgchier, vice et nomine eorundem, in
‘ episcopum ecclesie cathedralis antedicte publice in communi sufficientem de-
‘ derunt potestatem.

‘ Ego, predictus frater Thomas Ledbury, prefatum reverendum virum ma-
‘ gistrum Thomam Bourgchier liberum et legitimum, ac in et de legitimo matri-
‘ monio procreatum, virum utique providum, et discretum literarum scientia, vi-
‘ ta, et moribus merito commendandum, in ordine sacerdotali constitutum, in
‘ spiritualibus et temporalibus plurimum circumspectum, scientem, et valen-
‘ tem jura istius ecclesie cathedralis protegere sufficienter et tueri, cumque, ut
‘ dicitur, et informamur, licet non ad plenum super etatis sue defectum
‘ in hac parte sufficienter extitit dispensatum, vice mea, ac vice, nomine, et
‘ mandato omnium confratrum et monachorum meorum predictorum, in
‘ nostrum, et dicte ecclesie cathedralis episcopum eligo, in communi, et
‘ propter probabile dubium dispensationis predicte, eundem magistrum Tho-
‘ mam, à sanctissimo in Christo patre ac domino, domino Eugenio, divina
‘ providentia papa nostro, prout de jure melius valere potest, in nostrum
‘ et dicte ecclesie cathedralis episcopum postulo in his scriptis.’

Consequenterque, nos prefati prior et commonachi supradicti, causas prop-
ter quas prefatum magistrum Thomam B. ut prefertur, elegimus, et etiam
postulavimus, ac causas electionis et postulationis hujusmodi publice expo-
suimus et declaravimus ; fuit namque, et est idem m. T. B. liber, legitimus,
ac in et de legitimo matrimonio procreatus, vir utique providus et discretus,
literarum scientia, vitæque et moribus merito commendandus, in ordine sa-
cerdotali constitutus, in spiritualibus et temporalibus plurimum circumspectus,
sciens et valens jura dicte ecclesie cathedralis protegere sufficienter et tueri.
Nobisque priori et conventui à nonnullis fidedignis certificatum fuit, et in-
timatum,

timatum, quod cum prefato m. T. B. super sue etatis defectum, ad episcopatus dignitatem optinendam fuerat per sedem Apostolicam legitime dispensatum, sed de ipsius dispensatione huiusmodi, seu certa ejus etate, nullatenus fuimus sufficienter informati, prefatus quoque m. T. B. ecclesie nostre cathedrali Wygorn. ac toti ecclesie Anglicane valde utilis existit, et qui plurimum necessarius ad errores et hereses, qui in diversis partibus dioceos Wygorn. indies excrescunt, debelland. et extirpand. oppressionesque ecclesiarum, ac invasiones et usurpationes jurisdictionis libertatum, juriumque rerum et ecclesiasticarum personarum, que per potestatem secularem his diebus plus solito exercentur debite corrigendum, et secundum exigentiam juris divini et humani firmiter, ut speratur, reformandum, attentis ipsius nativitate discretionem et potentia, cum de nobili sanguine regum regni Anglie oriundus existat, premissisque sic factis; nos prior et conventus predicti psalmum *Te Deum laudamus* solempniter decantantes in ecclesiam cathedralem predictam ad summum altare ejusdem accessimus, ubi ad tunc prefatus frater Thomas Ledbury, vice sua, vice, nomine, et voluntate conventus predicti, dictam electionem et postulationem, sic, ut premittitur, fact. et celebrat. clero et populo inibi in magna multitudine congregatis, palam et publice publicavit et exposuit tunc ibidem. Deindeque incontinenti post premissa sic, ut premittitur, peracta, nos prior, et ceteri confratres et commonachi predicti, omnes et singuli, ad, et in domum capitularem ecclesie cathedralis prelibate redeuntes, et ibidem capitulariter congregati, et capituli sive conventus unanimi consensu et assensu nostris, fratres Thomam Ledbury et Willelmum Hertilbury nostros et dicte ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. confratres superius descriptos, conjunctim et divisim, utrumque in solidum, nostros veros et legitimos procuratores et nuncios speciales ordinavimus, fecimus, et constituimus tunc ibidem, dedimusque et concessimus eisdem procuratoribus nostris, et eorum utrique, potestatem generalem, et mandatum speciale pro nobis, et nomine nostro, dictas electionem et postulationem de prefato m. T. B. ut prefertur, fact. et celebrat. eidem m. Thome notificandi et intimandi, ac ipsum m. T. ut electioni et postulationi huiusmodi, seu eorum alteri, prout sibi melius visum fuerit expedire, suos consensum prebeat et assensum, debite requirendi, ipsiusque consensum huiusmodi petendi et optinendi. Presentibus, dum sic, ut premittitur, dicto nono die mensis Decembris, anno Domini predicto, agebantur et fiebant, prefatis mag. Adam Moleyns, Johanne Skeffington, Johanne Cokkys, et Johanne Swynarton, superius recitatis. Subsequenter vero prefati mensis Decembris die xv. anno Domini supradicto, in quadam alta camera infra hospitium reverendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Coventren. et Lichfelden. episcopi, in suburbio civitatis London. situat. prefati fratres Thomas Ledbury et Willelmus Hertlebury, confratres et procuratores predicti, prefato m. T. B. ibidem personaliter presente, prefatam electionem et postulationem de ipso m. T. ut prefertur, fact. et celebrat. intimarunt et notificarunt, ac eundem m. T. ipsorum et dicte ecclesie cathedralis prioris et capituli

capituli nomine instanter rogarunt et requisiverunt sepius et instanter, ut electioni et postulationi predictis de se, ut prefertur, factis et celebratis, suum preberet consensum pariter et assensum. Qui quidem m. T. sic rogatus et requisitus eisdem procuratoribus nostris potestatem requirendi, ut prefertur, habentibus, respondebat se velle in ea parte deliberare. Deindeque post meridiem ejusdem diei xv. circiter horam quintam dicti procuratores in mei etiam notarii publici predicti, ac dominorum mag. Johannis Stokys, Ade Moleyns, et Henrici Hamond, presentia, iidem procuratores prefatum M. Thomam B. in quadam alta camera decani libere capelle regie sancti Martini magni civitatis London. infra precinctum dicte capelle situat. pariter presentem, nomine procuratorio, quo supra rogarunt et requisiverunt sepius et instantius, ut electioni et postulationi de ipso factis, seu eorum alteri, prout sibi melius visum fuerit expedire, suos prebere consensum pariter et assensum. Quibus requisitionibus sic factis, idem m. T. B. dixit, quod non erat plene deliberatus ad dandum eis in ea parte plenum responsum, et quod vellet deliberare quid in ea parte consultius fuerit fiendum. Consequenter vero ejusdem mensis Decembris die xviii. in prefata alta camera decani libere capelle regie sancti Martini magni civitatis London. in presentia prefatorum m. Johannis Stokys, Ade Moleyns, Henrici Hamond, Benedicti Stokys, et Rogeri Malmesbury, testium ad hoc rogatorum, prefati procuratores prefatum m. T. B. ibidem personaliter presentem et existentem nomine procuratorio, quo supra sepius et instanter rogarunt et requisiverunt, quatinus electioni et postulationi predictis de ipso, ut prefertur, factis et celebratis, absque ulteriore dilatione suos prebere consensum pariter et assensum. Tandem vero prefatus magister Thomas B. sic requisitus prefate postulationi, ut premittitur, de se facte non consentit, nec dissentit; sed beneplacito et voluntati sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Eugenii, pape predicti, se submitit, et à predicta forma electionis supradicte recessit, sub hac forma verborum:

‘ **I**N Dei nomine. Amen. Ego Thomas Bourghier, in episcopum ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn. per priorem et conventum ejusdem ecclesie cathedralis ignoranter, probabiliter, ut asserunt, an mecum super defectum etatis mee, in hac parte sic dispensatum, vel non, qui per viam Spiritus sancti concorditer electus, et etiam postulatus, prout de jure melius potest valere, ad consentiendum electioni et postulationi hujusmodi per partem eorundem prioris et conventus sepius et instanter requisitus, postulationi de me facte, non consentio nec dissentio, sed beneplacito et voluntati sanctissimi in Christo patris, et domini nostri, domini Eugenii, divina providentia pape nostri, me submitto, et in forma electionis de me facte totaliter recedo in his scriptis.

‘ In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium presens nostre electionis decretum signo, et subscriptione dictorum m. Roberti Kent et Thome Lytilbury, notariorum publicorum, consignavi, nostrique sigilli communis

munis appensione fecimus communiri.' Dat' et acta sunt hec omnia et singula, prout superscribuntur et recitantur, sub anno Domini M^o. CCCC. xxxiii. Indictione xii. pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Eugenii, divina providentia pape iiii. predicto anno tertio, mense, diebus, et locis superius designatis, presentibus testibus superius, ut premittitur, divisim recitatis, ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Dat' quoad appositionem sigilli nostri communis predicti in dicta nostra domo capitulari xxvii. die mensis Decembris, anno Domini supradicto (k).

125. *De restitutione temporalium pro episcopo Wygornienfi.*

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Wygornia, salutem.

Cum dominus Eugenius, summus pontifex, de persona Thomæ, electi Wygornienfis, tunc decani ecclesie sancti Martini magni Londonia, ac studii universitatis Oxonia cancellarii, ecclesie Wygornienfi nuper vacanti, per mortem Thomæ, quondam episcopi ibidem, providerit, ipsumque Thomam electum in episcopum ipsius loci præfecerit et pastorem, sicut per literas bullatas ipsius domini summi pontificis, nobis inde directas, nobis constat.

Nos, pro eo, quod præfatus Thomas electus, omnibus verbis, nobis et coronæ nostræ præjudicialibus, in dictis literis bullatis contentis, palam et expresse renuntiavit, et gratiæ nostræ humiliter se submisit.

Volentes cum eo agere gratiose, cepimus fidelitatem ipsius Thomæ electi, et temporalia episcopatus illius, prout moris est, restituimus eidem.

Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod eidem Thomæ electo temporalia prædicta, cum pertinentiis in balliva tua, liberes in forma prædicta, salvo jure cujuslibet.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium xv. die Aprilis.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

Consimilia brevia diriguntur Escaetoribus subscriptis in comitatibus subscriptis, sub eadem data, videlicet,

Escaetori regis in com. Warr.

Escaetori regis in com. Midd.

Escaetori regis in com. Glouc. ac marchis Walliæ eidem comitatui adjacentibus.

Et mandatum est militibus, &c. In cujus, &c.

Teste ut supra.

Per breve de privato sigillo (l).

k) Reg. fed. vac. f. 260, 261, 262, 263. (l) Rymeri Fœdera, T. xi. p. 54.

126. *De restitutione temporalium episcopatus Wygorniensis.*

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Wigorniae, salutem.
Cum dominus, summus Pontifex, de persona Johannis Carpenter ecclesiae Wygorniensis, nuper vacanti, per translationem Thomae, quondam episcopi ibidem, ad ecclesiam Eliensem providerit, ipsumque Johannem in episcopum Wygorniensis praefecerit, et pastorem, sicut per literas bullatas ipsius domini summi pontificis nobis inde directas, nobis constat: Nos, pro eo, quod idem Johannes omnibus verbis, nobis et coronae nostrae praedjudicialibus, in dictis literis bullatis contentis, coram nobis palam et expresse renunciavit, et gratiae nostrae humiliter se submisit, volentes cum eo agere gratiose, cepimus fidelitatem ipsius Johannis, et temporalia dicti episcopatus Wygorniensis, prout moris est, restituimus eidem: Et ideo tibi praecipimus, quod eidem Johanni temporalia praedicta cum pertinentiis, in balliva tua, liberes in forma praedicta; salvo jure cujuslibet.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo septimo die Februarii.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

Confimilia brevia diriguntur escaetoribus subscriptis in comitatibus subscriptis, sub eadem data, videlicet,

Escaetori regis in com. Glouc.

Escaetori regis in com. Warr.

Et mandatum est militibus, &c. (1).

127. *De restitutione temporalium Wygorn.*

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Wigorniae salutem.
Cum dominus Sixtus, summus pontifex, ad ecclesiam Wigorniensis, pastore carentem, per liberam et spontaneam cessionem venerabilis viri J. nuper episcopi ibidem, reverendum patrem, J. nuper Roffensem episcopum a vinculo quo dictae Roffensis ecclesiae tenebatur, de fratrum consilio et Apostolicae potestatis plenitudine, absolvens transfulerit, eumque illi praefecerit in episcopum et pastorem, sicut per literas bullatas ipsius summi pontificis, nobis inde directas, vidimus plenius contineri. Nos pro eo, quod idem nuper Roffensis episcopus, ad ecclesiam Wigorniensis sic translatus omnibus et singulis, ut supra.

Cepimus fidelitatem ipsius J. nuper Roffensis episcopi, ad dictam ecclesiam Wigorniensis translati, et temporalia ipsius episcopatus, prout moris est, restituimus eidem.

(1) Rymeri Foedera, T. xi. p. 54.

Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod eidem J. nuper Roffensi episcopo, sic ad dictam ecclesiam Wigorniensem translato, temporalia predicta, cum pertinentiis in balliva tua, liberes in forma prædicta; salvo jure cujuslibet.

Teste rege apud Bugden vicesimo quarto die Septembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Confimilia brevia —

Et mandatum est militibus (*m*).

128. *Littere direct. à domino episcopo, priori et conventui minoris Malvernæ.*

Right wellbeloved Bretheryn, I grete you well. And as it is notory known through all my Diocysse, to the grete Displeasure of Godd, disworshipp of the Church, and Slaunder to the Religion of the blessed Patrone thereof Saynt *Bennet*, and many other innumerable blessed Confessors of the same, the myslyvyng and dissolute governaunce of the Bretheryn that hath byn inhabite yn the place of lyttel *Malverne*, beyng of my Fundacion and Patronage; the Rules of that holy Religion not observed ne kept, but rather the seide Bretheryn yn all their demeanaunce hath byn vagabunde, and lyved lyck Laymen, to the pernicious Example of all Cristen Men. And therefore it is a grete presumption, that the grete ruine of the Church and place, the decay of the lyvelode, and the grete poverty that the seid place hath be now late yn, was, that Godd withdrew his grace and benyfytes, and for the mysyding thereof was not pleased. And forasmoche as now by his Grace and Mercy I have bylded your Church, your place of your logyng is sufficient repareid, and, as I suppose, a grete part of the Dett of the seyde place be content: And for that cause, and by the cause ye shuld the better understande your Religion, ye have byn this ii. yeres yn worshippfull and holye places of your Religion, supposing that ye be now sufficiently instructe yn the same, I am now content, that everych of you that was ther before now late, when I toke the Rule thereof into myne hands, except *Dan. John Wittesham*, which by the Law may not be thear, resorte to the seide place of lyttel *Malverne*, and thear to abyde and lyve after your holy Profession, exhortyng you in the name of our Lord Crist Jesu, the blessed Patrones of your Religion, and *virtute obediencie, et sub pena excommunicationis*, that frohensforth ye kepe your

(*m*) Rym. Fœd. T. xii. p. 34.

Religion, with the hoole observaunce and disciplyne Rules thereof, the Service of God *noſte dieque* devoutely be ſaid and ſong; your Chapytre, Cloyſtir, Fraytor, and Dormytor be kept according, with all dewe obedience unto your Sovereynes. And that none of the Bretheryn goe into the Towne or the Feldes without an urgent cauſe, liſenſe asked and obteigned of the Prior: And yet that he that ſhall be ſoe lycenced have a Fellow with him. And alſo I deſire, and will, and pray you, for my recompence goſtly, to have every day a Maſſe at our Lady Aulter ſeyde by oon of the Bretheryn for me, *videlicet, quolibet die Dominica de Trinitate; die Lune, de Angelis; die Martis, Salus populi; die Mercurii, de Requiem; die Jovis, de Corpore Chriſti; die Veneris, de ſancta Cruce, et die Sabbati, de ſancta Maria, cum Evangelio, Stabant juxta crucem, cum Collect. Secret. et Poſtcom. de ſancto Johanne Evangelista; ac in qualibet die, poſt Veſperas, cantetur Antiphona, O Maria, et Johannes, cum Verſibus et Collectis.* And alſo I will, that in every Maſſe be ſaid the Collect *Rege quis, &c.* with the Secret. and Poſtcom. and *Post mortem meam in qualibet Miſſa oratio, Deus qui inter Apoſtolicos, &c.* Which Articulls, and everych of them above writen, be kept and obſerved, under the peyne before writtyn, we will and charge you. And yf ye ſo doe, ye ſhall fynde me good Lord to you, and to your Place. And ye ſhall have Godds bleſſing and myne. And yif ye doe the contrarye, I ſhall ſee the Reformation thereof to your grevous punyſhment, in example of all other. Whereof I wol be right ſory, as God knoweth, which ynforce you to be his trew Servaunts, and to do your Dewtye, and evyr have you in his bleſſed kepyng. Written at *Bewdeley* in haſt, the xxii. day of October, Anno Domini 1482.

John Worceſter.

To the Prior and Bretheryn of the Priory of littel Malverne (n).

(n) Alcock, f. m.

129. *De pardonatione pro episcopo Wigornienſi.*

REX omnibus ballivis et fidelibus ſuis, ad quos, &c. ſalutem.

Sciatis, quod nos, de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, ac ex certa ſcientia, et mero motu noſtris, PARDONAVIMUS, REMISIMUS, et RELAXAVIMUS, ac per præſentes PARDONAMUS, REMITTIMUS, et RELAXAMUS *reverendo in Chriſto patri, Roberto episcopo Wigornienſi, alias dicto Roberto episcopo Wigornienſi, nuper dicto Roberto Morton, clerico, custodi Rotulorum cancellariæ noſtræ, alias dicto Roberto episcopo Wigornienſi, nuper dicto Roberto, clerico, ſive custodi Rotulorum cancellariæ noſtræ; alias dicto Roberto episcopo Wigornienſi, nuper dicto Roberto Morton, clerico, custodi Rotulorum cancellariæ domini E. nuper regis Angliæ quarti; alias dicto Roberto episcopo Wigorn. nuper dicto Roberto Morton, clerico, ſive custodi Rotulorum cancellariæ domini E. nuper regis Angliæ quarti; alias dicto Roberto episcopo Wigorn. nuper Roberto Morton, archidiacono Glouceſtriæ; alias dicto Roberto episcopo Wigorn. nuper dicto Roberto Morton, clerico Wigornienſi electo; alias dicto Roberto Morton, clerico, Wigorn. episcopo; ſeu quocumque alio nomine cenſeatur, omnimodas tranſgreſſiones, offenſas, meſpriſiones, contemptus, impetitiones, detentiones, elongationes, negligentias, extortiones, ignorantias, conclamenta, et deceptiones, per ipſum Robertum episcopum, ante feſtum ſancti Andreæ Apoſtoli, anno regni noſtri duodecimo, qualitercumque factas, ſive perpetratas.*

Et inſuper, ex ſcientia et motu noſtris prædictis PARDONAVIMUS, REMISIMUS et RELAXAVIMUS eidem Roberto episcopo, omnimodas proditiones, ac ſectam pacis noſtræ, quæ ad nos verſus ipſum Robertum episcopum pertinet, pro omnimodis proditionibus, rebellionibus, inſurrectionibus, feloniiſ, conſpirationibus, confæderationibus, riotis, routis, conventiculis illicitis, cambipartiis, manutenentiis, imbraciariis, ac aliis tranſgreſſionibus, negligentis, extortionibus, imaginationibus, meſpriſionibus, ignorantis, contemptibus, conclamentis, forisfacturis, deceptionibus, attemptatis, et offenſis quibuſcumque, per ipſum Robertum episcopum, ante prædictum feſtum, qualitercumque factis, ſive perpetratis.

Ac etiam Utlagariis, ſi que in ipſum Robertum episcopum hiis occaſionibus, ſeu earum aliqua fuerint promulgata, et firmam pacem noſtram ei inde concedimus. Ita tamen, quod ſtet recto in curia noſtra, ſi quis verſum eum loqui voluerit de pramiſſis, vel aliquo pramiſſorum.

PARDONAVIMUS etiam eidem Roberto episcopo omnia et omnimoda judicia, executiones et pœnas mortis ſuper ipſum redditas, ſive adjudicatas, aut reddendas, ſive adjudicandas, ac omnimodas forisfacturas quorumcumque terrarum et tenementorum, bonorum et catallorum ſuorum occaſionibus prædictis, ſeu earum aliqua, et eadem terras et tenementa, bona et catalla eidem Roberto episcopo damus et reſtituimus per præſentes, habenda et gaudenda eidem Roberto episcopo, de dono noſtro, abſque compoto, ſeu aliquo alio nobis inde reddendo ſeu faciendo.

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Ac etiam PARDONAVIMUS, REMISIMUS, et RELAXAVIMUS eidem Roberto episcopo omnia et omnimoda escapia et evasiones quorumcumque felonum et clericorum convictorum sive attinctorum ante dictum festum qualitercumque facta, nec non omnimodas pœnas, redemptiones, forisfacturas, securitates pacis, et alias recognitiones et manucaptiones, et omnimodos fines adjudicatos, amerciamenta, exitus, forisfacturas, relevia, scutagia, ac omnimoda debita, compota, præstita, arreragia firmarum et compotorum, et alia deperdita nobis ante dictum festum per præfatum Robertum episcopum qualitercumque forisfacta, debita, sive pertinentia, nec non omnimodas demandas, transgressiones, offensas, negligentias, contemptus, mesprisiones, et impetitiones per ipsum Robertum episcopum contra formam, tam omnimodorum statutorum, ordinationum et provisionum de perquisitionibus, acceptationibus, lectionibus, publicationibus, notificationibus, et executionibus quibuscumque, quarumcumque, literarum et bullarum Apostolicarum, et omnium aliorum statutorum et provisionum, prætextu quorum aliqua facta versus eundem Robertum episcopum, per billam, vel per breve de *Præmunire facias*, seu alio modo quocumque, pro aliqua materia, ante dictum festum facta, fieri valeat; quam omnium et omnimodorum aliorum statutorum quorumcumque factorum, sive editorum, per ipsum Robertum episcopum, ante eundem diem, qualitercumque factas sive perpetratas, et omnimodas actiones, factas, querelas, impetitiones, executiones, et demandas, quas nos solus, vel nos conjunctim cum aliis personis, vel alia persona, habemus, seu habere poterimus quovismodo, versus ipsum Robertum episcopum, pro præmissis, vel aliquo præmissorum, aut pro aliqua re, causa, vel materia quacumque; aliquibus statutis, ordinationibus, provisionibus, restitutionibus, sive actibus in contrarium factis sive editis, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacumque, non obstantibus. In cujus, &c.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium decimo quinto die Martii.

Per ipsum regem (o).

(o) Rymeri Fœd. T. xii. p. 649.

130. *Pro Sylvestro de Giglys de custodia temporalium.*

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem.

Sciatis, quod nos certis de causis nos specialiter moventibus, de gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia, et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentes damus et concedimus prædilecto et fideli consiliario nostro Sylvestro de Giglys, archipresbytero Lucensi, causarum nostrarum in curia Romana sollicitatori, custodiam omnium temporalium episcopatus Wygornienfis, cum pertinentiis, ac omnimodos exitus proficuum, reddituum, firmarum, reventionum, et emolumentorum omnium et singulorum dominiorum, maneriorum, terrarum, tenementorum, hundredorum, reddituum, possessionum, temporalium, quorumcumque feodorum, militum ac wardorum, maritagiorum, releviorum, heriettorum, escaetorum, servitiorum, feriarum, mercatorum, tolnetarum, custumarum curiarum Læt, viz. franchiplegiorum, advocacionem ecclesiarum, capellarum, cantariarum, abbatiarum, prioratum, ecclesiarum collegiatarum, decanatum, archidiaconatum, præbendarum, præpositurarum, hospitalium, ac aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, et cum omnibus aliis juribus, commoditatibus, et emolumentis quibuscumque infra regnum nostrum Angliæ, aut Walliæ, et marchias Walliæ episcopatu Wigornienfi quoquo modo pertinentibus, sive spectantibus, quæ ad manus nostras, ratione ultimæ vacationis ejusdem, per et post mortem bonæ memoriæ Johannis ultimi episcopi loci prædicti devenerunt, aut devenire debuerunt, aut in manibus nostris existunt.

Habendam et tenendam custodiam prædictam, ac etiam retinendo et percipiendo omnia exitus, proficua, redditus, firmas, reventiones, et emolumenta prædicta, ac cætera præmissa eidem Sylvestro, assignatis et executoribus suis à tempore mortis præfati Johannis, nuper episcopi, hucusque, et ex nunc quamdiu temporalia illa, ac cætera præmissa in manibus nostris contigerint remanere, tam per manus suas, et ministrorum nostrorum, in comitatibus et marchiis illis, ubi præmissa, seu aliquod præmissorum seperatim existunt, vel existit, libere et quiete, absque compoto, responso, seu aliquo alio, nobis pro præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum reddendo, solvendo, seu faciendo quovismodo.

Et ulterius concedimus præfato Sylvestro plenariam potestatem tenore præsentium omnia hujusmodi ecclesias, collegiatas, cantarias, abbatias, prioratus, ecclesias collegiatas, præposituras, decanatus, archidiaconatus, præbendas, hospitalia, et alia beneficia ecclesiastica quæcumque, nobis ratione vacationis prædictæ pertinentia, cuicumque sibi placuerit, cum et quotiens vacaverint, seu aliquod eorum vacaverit, ad libitum suum concedendi, conferendi, præsentandi sive donandi, ac etiam auctoritatem et potestatem faciendi sive donandi omnimodos senescallos, receptores, ballivos, firmarios, et alios officarios, ministros, sive occupatores, et officia quæcumque episcopatu prædicto pertinentia, cuicumque sibi placuerit, et hujusmodi officarios,
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sive officia ad libitum suum prædictum expellendi, et amovendi, ac revocandi, prout nos faceremus, si præsens concessio nostra facta non fuisset, absque impedimento, molestatione, calumpnia, perturbatione, seu gravamine nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, ballivorum, vicecomitum, vel aliorum officiariorum, seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque; eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, seu aliquo alio valore, sive certitudine præmissorum, sive alicujus præmissorum, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus eidem Silvestro, per nos, ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minime facta existit; aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, sive restrictione in contrarium, ante hæc tempora facto, edito, ordinato, sive proviso, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacumque, in aliquo non obstante. In cujus, &c.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium primo die Decembris.

Per breve de privato sigillo (p).

131. *De restitutione temporalium.*

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Gloucestræ ac marchiis Walliæ eidem comitatui adjacentibus, salutem.

Cum dominus, summus pontifex, nuper vacante ecclesia cathedrali Wigornienfi, per obitum bonæ memoriæ Johannis, ejusdem ecclesiæ ultimi pastoris et episcopi, personam dilecti et fidelis nostri Silvestri, ejusdem ecclesiæ electi, in ipsius ecclesiæ episcopum præfecerit et pastorem, sicut per literas bullatas ipsius domini summi pontificis nobis inde directas, nobis constat: Nos, pro eo, quod idem electus, per suum procuratorem sufficientem, omnibus et singulis verbis, et coronæ nostræ præjudicialibus, in dictis literis bullatis contentis, coram nobis palam et expresse renunciavit, et gratiæ nostræ humiliter se submitit, volentes cum eo in hac parte agere gratiose.

Eidem electo (cujus fidelitatem per dictum procuratorem suum cepimus) temporalia episcopatus illius, prout moris est, restituimus.

Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod eidem electo temporalia prædicta, cum pertinentiis in balliva tua, sine dilatione liberes in forma prædicta, salvo jure cujuslibet.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium decimo septimo die Martii.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

Consimilia brevia diriguntur escaetoribus subscriptis in comitatibus subscriptis, sub eadem data, videlicet,

Escaetori suo in com. Warr.

Escaetori suo in com. Midd.

Escaetori suo in com. Wigorn.

Et mandatum est, &c. (q).

132. *Bulla Leonis X. preficiens Julium de Medices in administratorem episcopatus Wygorn.*

LEO episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Julio, tituli sancti Laurentii in Damaso, presbytero cardinali, sancte Romane ecclesie vicecancellario, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Ecclesiarum utilitati tunc recte consulitur, et indemnitati salubriter providetur, cum viris circumspicacis et providis earum cura committitur.

Unde Romanus pontifex, cui id ex Apostolatus officio incumbit, de universis orbis ecclesiis solícite cogitans, illarum administrationem sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalibus interdum committitur, ut per illorum providentiam circumspicacem ecclesie ipse preserventur à noxiis, ac felicibus in spiritualibus et temporalibus, dante Deo, proficiant incrementis. Dudum siquidem provisiones ecclesiarum omnium apud sedem Apostolicam tunc vacantium, et inantea vacaturarum ordinationi et dispositioni nostre reservamus, decernentes ex tunc irritum et inane, si secus super hiis, à quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari: postmodum vero ecclesia Wigorn. cui bone memorie Silvester, episcopus Wigornienfis, dum viveret, presidebat, per obitum ejusdem Silvestri episcopi, qui apud sedem predictam debitum nature persolvit, pastoris solatio destituta: Nos cum eidem ecclesie, de cujus provisione nullus preter nos hac vice se intromittere potuit, sive potest, reservatione et decreto obfistentibus supradictis, ne ecclesia ipsa longe vacationis exponatur incommodis, de gubernatore utili et idoneo, per quem circumspicacem regi et salubriter dirigi valeat, quia tibi, ut statum tuum juxta cardinalatus sublimitatem decentius tenere, ac expensarum onera te jugiter de necessitate subire oportet, facilius perferre valeas, de alicujus subventionis auxilio providere volentes, ac sperantes quod tu per datam tibi à Domino providentiam, ac alia multiplicum virtutum dona, quibus circumfultus existis, eidem ecclesie esse poteris multipliciter fructuosus: te, quoad vixeris, prefate ecclesie administratorem in spiritualibus et temporalibus etiam, una cum sancti Laurentii in Damaso, qui titulus tui cardinalatus existit, ac Narbonen. et Florentin. quibus ex concessione et dispensatione Apostolica preesse dinosceris. Nec non omnibus et

(q) *Ibid.* f. 710.

singulis aliis ecclesiis, monasteriis, prioratibus, preposituris, canonicatibus, et prebendis, dignitatibus, personatibus, administrationibus, et officiis, ceterisque beneficiis ecclesiasticis, cum cura, et sine cura, secularibus, et quorumvis ordinum regularibus, que ex quibusvis concessionibus aliis, et dispensationibus Apostolicis, in titulum, et commendam, et administrationem obtines, et imposterum obtinebis, ac pensionibus annuis tibi, super quibusvis fructibus, redditibus, et proventibus ecclesiasticis assignatis, quas percipis et percipies in futurum, tenendam, regendam, et gubernandam de fratrum nostrorum consilio, auctoritate Apostolica constituimus et deputamus, curam et administrationem ipsius ecclesie Wigorniensis tibi in eisdem spiritualibus ac temporalibus plenarie committendo, firma spe fiduciaque conceptis, quod, dirigente Domino actus tuos, ecclesia ipsa Wigorn. per tue circumspeditionis industriam et studium fructuosum, regetur utiliter, et prospere dirigetur, ac grata in eisdem spiritualibus et temporalibus suscipiet incrementa. Volumus autem, quod debitis et consuetis mense episcopalis Wigorn. supportatis oneribus de residuis illius fructibus, redditibus, et proventibus disponere ac ordinare libere et licite valeas, sicuti episcopi Wigorniensis, qui pro tempore fuerunt, de illis disponere et ordinare potuerunt, seu etiam debuerunt; alienationem tamen quorumcumque bonorum immobilium, et presentium mobilium ipsius mense penitus interdictam. Quocirca circumspeditioni tue per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus curam et administrationem predictas sic per te, vel alium, seu alios exercere studeas sollicite, fideliter, et prudenter, quod ipsa ecclesia Wigorn. gubernatori provide et fructuoso administratori gaudeat se commissam, tuque preter eterne retributionis premium, nostram et dicte sedis benedictionem, et gratiam exinde uberius consequi merearis. Dat' Rome, apud sanctum Petrum, anno Incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo primo, septimo Idus Junii, pontificatus nostri anno nono (r).

(r) Registr. Wig. N. 28, f. 4.

133. *De restitutionibus temporalium pro episcopo Wygornienſi.*

R^{EX} eſcaetori ſuo in comitatu Wygornia, ſalutem.

Cum eccleſia cathedralis Wigornienſis nuper certo modo, quem dominus ſummus pontifex haberi voluit pro expreſſo, paſtoris ſolatio ſit deſtituta, idem dominus ſummus pontifex perſonam dilecti nobis in Chriſto *Jeronimi de Gbinnucciis* dictæ eccleſiæ Wigornienſis electi in ipſius eccleſiæ episcopum præfecerit et paſtorem, ſicut per literas bullatas ipſius domini ſummi pontificis, nobis inde directas nobis conſtat.

Nos, pro eo, quod idem electus omnibus et ſingulis verbis nobis et coronæ noſtræ præjudicialibus, in dictis literis bullatis contentis, per procuratorem ſuum ſufficientem, coram nobis palam et expreſſe renuntiavit, et gratiæ noſtræ humiliter ſe ſubmiſit, volentes cum eo in hac parte agere gratioſe.

Ipius electi renuntiationem et fidelitatem per dictum procuratorem ſuum cepimus, et temporalia episcopatus illius, prout moris eſt, reſtituimus eidem: Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod eidem electo temporalia prædicta, cum pertinentiis, in balliva tua, ſine dilatione liberes in forma prædicta; ſalvo jure cujuſlibet.

Teſte rege apud Weſtmonaſterium vicesimo die Februarii.

Per mandatum domini cancellarii.

Conſimiles literæ patentes diriguntur eſcaetoribus ſub eiſdem forma et data, videlicet,

Eſcaetori ſuo com. Glouc. ac marchiiſ Walliæ, eidem comitatui adjacentibus.

Eſcaetori ſuo in com. Warr.

Eſcaetori ſuo in com. Midd.

Et mandatum eſt militibus, liberis hominibus, et omnibus aliis tenentibus de episcopatu prædicto, quod eidem electo, tanquam episcopo, et domino ſuo, in omnibus, quæ ad episcopatum prædictum pertinent, intendent ſint et reſpondentes in omnibus, prout decet.

In cujus, &c.

Teſte, ut ſupra (s).

(s) Fym. Fo. d. T. xiii. p. 780, 781.

134. *De restitutionibus temporalium pro episcopo Wygorn.*

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Wigorniae, salutem.
Cum reverendissimus in Christo pater, Thomas, Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas et metropolitanus, vacante nuper episcopatu Wigornienſi, per deprivationem Jeronimi de Ghinucciis, ultimi episcopi ibidem, prior ecclesiæ cathedralis Wigornienſis, et ejusdem loci commonachi, sive conventus, dilectum et fidelem capellanum nostrum magistrum Hugonem Latymer, sacrae theologiæ professorem, in eorum episcopum elegerint et nominaverint; cui quidem electioni et personæ sic electæ, regium nostrum assensum adhibuimus et favorem; confirmaverit, ac ipsum Hugonem Latymer episcopum Wigornienſem consecraverit, ipsumque episcopalibus insigniis investiverit; sicuti per literas patentes ipsius reverendissimi in Christo patris nobis inde directas, nobis constat.

Nos confirmationem et consecrationem illas acceptantes, fidelitatem ipsius electi et confirmati nobis pro temporalibus episcopatus prædicti, prout moris est, restituimus eidem.

Nos confirmationem et consecrationem illas acceptantes, fidelitatem ipsius electi et confirmati nobis pro temporalibus episcopatus prædicti, prout moris est, restituimus eidem.

Et ideo tibi præcipimus, &c. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium quarto die Octobris.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

Consimilia brevia diriguntur, &c.

Et mandatum est militibus, &c. (t).

(t) Ibid. T. XIV. p. 553.

135. *Significavit pro episcopo Wygorn.*

REX reverendissimo in Christo patri Thomæ, eadem gratia, archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, totius Angliæ primati, salutem.

Cum nuper vacante sede episcopali Wigornienfi, per liberam resignationem Hugonis Latymer, clerici, ultimi episcopi ibidem, ad humilem supplicationem dilectorum nobis in Christo prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ cathedralis Wygornia, eisdem per literas nostras patentes, licentiam concefferimus alium sibi eligendi in episcopum loci prædicti et pastorem. Ac iidem prior et conventus prætextu licentiæ nostræ prædictæ, dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum Johannem Bell, utriusque juris doctorem, capellanum nostrum, sibi elegerint in episcopum et pastorem, sicut per literas suas patentes communi sigillo suo figillatas, nobis inde directas, plenius apparet. Nos electionem illam acceptantes, eidem electioni regium assensum nostrum adhibuimus pariter et favorem, et hoc vobis tenore præsentium significamus.

Rogantes ac in fide et dilectione, quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter vobis mandantes, quatenus præfatum Johannem Bell, Wigorn. electum et electionem prædictam confirmare, et eundem Johannem Bell in episcopum Wygorniensem consecrare, ipsumque, prout moris est, episcopalibus insigniis investire, cæteraque peragere, quæ vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio pastoralis, juxta formam statuti inde editi et provisi, velitis diligenter cum affectu.

In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud *Terlyng*, secundo die Augusti.

De restitutionibus temporalium pro episcopo memorato.

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Wigornia, salutem.

Cum reverendissimus in Christo pater Thomas, permissione divina, Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, &c. ut supra, mutatis mutandis.

Teste rege apud *Terlyng* quarto die Augusti.

136. *Resignatio episcopatus Wigorniensis.*

IN Dei nomine. Amen. Per præsens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter, et notum sit, quod anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo tertio, et regni illustrissimi et potentissimi in Christo principis et domini nostri domini Henrici octavi, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ regis, fidei defensoris, ac in terra sub Christo supremi ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et Hibernicæ capitis, anno tricesimo quinto, mensē vero Novembris die decimo septimo, in quadam interiori alta camera infra castrum de Hertleburye, Wygornienſi diœceſe notorie ſitum et ſituatum, in noſtrorum notariorum publicorum ſubſcriptorum, ac teſtium inferius nominatorum præſentis, conſtitutus perſonaliter reverendus in Chriſto pater dominus Johannes, permiſſione divina, Wigornienſis, ut aſſeruit episcopus, quaſdam reſignationem, diſmiſſionem, renunciationem, et ceſſionem episcopatus ſui antediſti, in ſcriptis ſimul conceptas et redactas, fecit, legit, et interpoſuit; eundemque episcopatum ſuum reſignavit, cæteraque fecit et exercuit ſub eo, qui ſequitur verborum tenore:

‘ I N Dei nomine. Amen.

‘ **I** Coram vobis publicis et auctenticis perſonis ac teſtibus fide dignis
 ‘ hic præſentibus, ego Johannes, permiſſione divina, Wigornienſis episcopus,
 ‘ ex certis cauſis veris, juſtis, et legitimis, me, et animum meum ad
 ‘ hoc moventibus, cupiens et affectans, me ab onere, cura, et regimine dicti
 ‘ episcopatus mei penitus exui et exonerari, eundem episcopatum meum
 ‘ Wigornienſem, cum ſuis juribus et pertinentiis univerſis, in ſacratiffimas
 ‘ manus ſereniffimæ regiæ majeſtatis Henrici octavi, Dei gratia, Angliæ,
 ‘ Franciæ, et Hiberniæ regis, fidei defensoris, ac in terra eccleſiæ Angli-
 ‘ canæ et Hibernicæ capitis ſupremi, non vi, aut metu coactus, neque dolo,
 ‘ vel fraude ad hoc inductus, neque aliqua alia machinatione ſiniſtra cir-
 ‘ cumventus; ſed ex mea mera ſcientia, animoque deliberato, ac ſpon-
 ‘ tanea voluntate, libere, pure, ſimpliciter, et abſolute reſigno, et eundem
 ‘ episcopatum, cum ſuis juribus et pertinentiis univerſis, re et verbo vacuum
 ‘ dimitto, juriſque, titulo, et poſſeſſioni meis in dicto episcopatu meo
 ‘ præhabitis, et hætenus in eodem mihi competentibus, renuncio, eiſque
 ‘ cedo, et ab eiſdem totaliter et expreſſe recedo in his ſcriptis, humiliter
 ‘ ſupplicans excellentiffimæ regiæ majeſtati prædictæ, quatinus hanc meam
 ‘ reſignationem admittere, meque à cura et regimine dicti episcopatus
 ‘ exonerare dignetur intuitu caritatis.

‘ Et rogo vos dominos notarios publicos, de, et ſuper præmiſſis, unum
 ‘ vel plura, publicum vel publica, instrumentum ſive instrumenta, mihi
 ‘ conficere, ac vos teſtes hic præſentes teſtimonium perhibere.’

Super quibus omnibus et singulis præfatus reverendus pater resignans, nos notarios publicos subscriptos sibi unum vel plura, publicum seu publica, instrumentum sive instrumenta conficere rogavit et requisivit.

Acta fuerunt hæc omnia et singula, prout superscribuntur et recitantur, sub annis Domini et regni regis, mense, die, et loco superius recitatis.

Præsentibus tunc ibidem venerabilibus viris

Thoma Bagard, legum doctore,
Waltero Blounte, armigero,

Et *Ricardo Ewer*, in sacra theologia bachelareo, Herefordensis et Londoniensis respective diœcesium testibus, ad præmissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Willielmus Warmstrye, Herefordensis diœcesis litteratus, publicus auctoritate regia notarius, quia præfatae resignationis lecturæ et interpositioni, cæterisque præmissis omnibus et singulis, dum sic, ut præmittitur, sub annis Domini et regni regis, mense, die, et loco supramemoratis, agebantur et fiebant, una cum prænominatis testibus, ac Thoma Wem, notario publico subscripto, præsens personaliter interfui, eademque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi, scivi, et audivi, atque in notam prothocollarem sumpsi: ideo hoc præsens publicum instrumentum manu mea propria fideliter scriptum, exinde confeci, subscripsi, et publicavi, atque in hanc publicam et auctenticam formam redegi, signoque, nomine, et cognomine, et subscriptione meis solitis et consuetis signavi, in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum præmissorum rogatus specialiter et requisitus.

Ad imum signi

Laus Deo,

Pax vivis, requiesque defunctis.

W.

Et ego Thomas Weme, clericus Herefordensis diœcesis, publicus, auctoritate regia, notarius, quia præfatae resignationi lecturæ et interpositioni, cæterisque præmissis omnibus et singulis, dum sic, ut præmittitur, sub annis Domini et regni regis mense, die, et loco supradictis agebantur et fiebant, una cum superscripto Willielmo Warmstrye, notario publico, ac testibus supradictis, præsens personaliter interfui, eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi; ideo hoc præsens publicum instrumentum manu dicti Willielmi, notarii publici, me aliis negotiis interim præpedito fideliter

‘ fideliter conscriptum exinde confeci, et in hanc publicam formam rede-
 ‘ degi, signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi, meque hic
 ‘ subscripsi, in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum præmissorum
 ‘ ad hoc rogatus et requisitus. Ad innum signi,

Convertantur retrorsum qui volunt mihi mala.

137. *Licentia regia concessa domino episcopo Wigorn. ad exercend’ juris-
 dictionem spirituales.*

EDWARDUS SEXTUS, Dei gratia, Anglie, Francie, et Hibernie rex,
 fidei defensor, et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernie supremum
 caput, reverendo in Christo patri Nicholao, Wigorn episcopo, salutem.
 Quandoquidem omnis juris dicendi auctoritas, atque jurisdictio omnis, tam
 illa que ecclesiastica dicitur, quam secularis, à regia potestate, velut à
 supremo capite, et omnium infra regnum nostrum magistratuum fonte et
 scaturigine primitus emanaverit: sane illos, qui jurisditionem hujusmodi
 antehac non nisi precario fungebantur, beneficium sic eis ex liberalitate
 regia indultum, gratis animis agnoscere, idque regie munificentie solummo-
 do acceptum referre, eique quoties ejus majestati videbitur libenter cedere,
 convenit. Itaque cum tu, qui in diocesi Wigorn. episcopali munere fungi
 dinosceris, nobis humiliter supplicari fecistis, ut jurisditionem ecclesiasticam
 tibi delegare nostra auctoritate regia atque suprema, ex gratia nostra sin-
 gulari dignaremur: Nos tuis in hac parte supplicationibus humilibus in-
 clinati, et nostrorum subditorum dicte Wigorn. dioc. commodis consule-
 re cupientes; tibi vices nostras, sub modo et forma inferius descriptis
 committend’ fore teque licentiand’ esse decrevimus. Ad ordinand’ igitur
 quoscunque infra diocesim tuam Wigorn ubicumque oriundos, quos mo-
 ribus et literatura (previo diligenti et rigoroso examine idoneos fore com-
 pereris) ac ad omnes etiam sacros et presbyteratos ordines promovend’
 presentatosque ad beneficia ecclesiastica quecumque infra diocesim tuam
 Wigorn. constituta, si ad curam beneficiis hujusmodi imminentem sustinend’
 habiles reperti fuerint et idonei, admittend’ ac in et de eisdem institu-
 end’ et investiend’ ac etiam, si res ita exigat, destituend’ beneficia ec-
 clesiastica quecumque ad tuam collationem sive dispositionem spectantia et
 pertinentia personis idoneis, conferend’ atque approband’ testamenta et ultimas
 voluntates quorumcumque subditorum nostrorum tue diocesis bona jura
 sive credita, non summam centum librarum vite et mortis suarum tem-
 pore sese extendunt, quatinus hujusmodi testamentorum approbatio, atque
 administrationis concessio per predecessores tuos, aut eorum alicujus respec-
 tive commissarios retroactis temporibus fiebat, ac fieri et committi potuit
 et potest, in presenti, et non aliter committend’ calculumque, ratiocinium
 et alia in ea parte expediend’ causasque, lites et negotia coram te aut
 tuis deputatis pendentes indecisas, necnon alias, sive alia quascumque, sive
 quecumque,

quecumque, ad forum ecclesiasticum pertinentes, ad te, aut tuos deputatos, sive deputand' per viam querele, appellationis, sive alias devolvend' sive deducend' que citra legum nostrarum et statutorum regni nostri offensam, coram te, seu tuis deputatis agitari, aut ad tuam, sive alicujus commissariorum, per te, vigore hujus commissionis nostre deputand' commissionem devolvi aut deduci valeant et possint examinand' et decernend'. Ad vitandum etiam capitulum ecclesie tue cathedralis Wigorn. civitatemque Wigorn. nec non omnia et singula loca ecclesiastica quecumque, clerumque et populum dicte dioceseos Wigorn. quatinus per te, sive predecessores tuos, Wigorn. episcopos visitare, hujusmodi temporibus retroactis, ac per te, sive eosdem de legibus et statutis, ac juribus regni nostri exercere potuit, aut potest, et non aliter. Nec non ad inquirendum per te, aut alium, sive alios, ad id per te deputandum, sive deputandos, super quorumcumque excessibus, criminibus, seu delictis quibuscumque, ad forum ecclesiasticum spectantibus, infra diocesim Wigorn. ac delinquentes, sive criminosos juxta comperta per te in ea parte, per legitima juris nostri remedia, pro modo culpe, et, ut natura et qualitas delicti poposcerit coercend' et puniend'. Ceteraque omnia et singula in premissis, seu circa ea necessaria, seu quomodolibet opportuna, preter et ultra ea, que tibi ex sacris literis divinitus commissa esse dignoscuntur, vice, nomine, et auctoritate nostris exequend' tibi, de cujus sana doctrina, conscientie puritate, vite et morum integritate, ac in rebus gerendis, fide et industria plurimum confidimus, vices nostras cum potestate, alium vel alios, commissarium vel commissarios, ad premissa, vel eorum aliqua surrogand' et substituend' eosdemque ad placitum revocand' tenore presentium committimus, ac liberam facultatem concedimus, teque licentiamus per presentes ad nostrum beneplacitum duntaxat duraturum, cum cujuslibet congrue et ecclesiastice coercionis potestate, tuam conscientiam coram Deo strictissime onerantes, et, ut summo omnium Judici aliquando rationem reddere, et coram nobis tuo sub periculo corporali respondere intendis, te admonentes, ut interim tuum officium, juxta Evangelii normam, pie et sancte exercere studeas, et ne quem ullo unquam tempore, vel ad sacros ordines promoveas, vel ad curam animarum gerendam quovismodo admittas, nisi eos duntaxat, quos ad tanti et tam venerabilis officii functionem vite et morum integritas certissimis testimoniis approbata, literarum scientia, et alie qualitates requisite, ad hoc habiles et idoneos, clare et luculenter ostenderint et declaraverint. Nam, ut maxime compertum cognitumque habemus, morum omnium, et maxime Christiane religionis corruptelam à malis pastoribus in populum emanasse, sic et veram Christi religionem, viteque et morum emendationem, à bonis pastoribus iterum delectis et assumptis, in integrum restitutum iri haud dubie speramus. In cujus rei testimonium presentes literas nostras inde fieri et sigilli nostri, quo ad causas ecclesiasticas utimur, appensione jussimus communiri. Dat. XXVI^o. die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo sexto, et regni nostri anno primo (u).

(u) Heath. f. 12, 13.

138. *Super translatione episcopi Gloucestrensis ad episcopatum Wigorniensem.*

REX omnibus, ad quos, &c. salutem.

Cum per quendam actum in parlamento nostro inchoato apud Westmonasterium quarto die Novembris, anno regni nostri primo, et ibidem tento, inter alia statuta pro republica nostra edita, ordinatum, inactitatum, et stabilitum fuerit, Quod nullum breve de licentia eligendi (vulgariter vocatum *CONGE D'ESLIER*) deinceps concedendum foret, nec electio alicujus archiepiscopi seu episcopi per decanum et capitulum fieret, sed quod nos per literas nostras patentes quolibet tempore, cum aliquis archiepiscopatus seu episcopatus vacaret, alicui personæ, quam nos idoneam existimaremus, eundem conferre possemus et valeamus, et eadem collatio sic per literas nostras patentes hujusmodi personæ facta et deliberata, cui nos eundem conferremus archiepiscopatum seu episcopatum, vel ejus sufficienti procuratori, aut attornato, staret et foret, ad omnes intentiones et constructiones, tanti et ejusdem effectus, quanti et qualis foret, si breve de licentia eligendi concessum esset, electio rite facta, et eadem confirmata fuissent; et quod post hujusmodi collationem, eadem persona, cui hujusmodi archiepiscopatus seu episcopatus sic foret collatus, seu datus, posset consecrari, prosequi, et habere liberationem suam, seu *Breve de amoveas manum*, ac omnia alio agere, prout si eadem ceremoniæ et electiones factæ et actæ fuissent; prout in eodem statuto, inter alia, plenius liquet et apparet. Ac cum episcopatus Wigorniae ad præsens sit vacuus, suoque pastore ideo destitutus, per deprivationem Nicholai Heath, nuper loci illius episcopi, et ob id ad munus nostrum regium juste pertinere dinoscatur, alium in ejus locum, qui ob eximias animi dotes, populum nostrum illius diocesis late patentis, juxta divi Pauli normam digne pascat, surrogandum duximus:

Sciatis igitur, Nos, existimantes, et bene scientes, reverendum in Christo patrem Johannem Hoperum, nuper Gloucestren. episcopum, personam idoneam esse ad episcopatum Wigorn. supradictum, modo vacantem, tam propter singularem sacrarum literarum doctrinam, quam mores probatissimos, quibus idem reverendus pater, nuper Gloucestren. episcopus prædictus est, ac propter hoc, quod juxta Salvatoris nostri elogium illum virum imprimis dignum esse judicamus, ut super multa constituatur, qui super pauca fuit fidelis.

Ex gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia, et mero motu nostris, nec non de avisamento Concilii nostri, contulimus, dedimus, et concessimus, ac per præsentem conferimus, damus, et concedimus præfato reverendo patri Johanni, nuper Gloucestren. episcopo, prædictum episcopatum Wigorn. ac eundem Johannem Hoperum in episcopatum Wigorn. transferimus per præsentem, ac ipsum Johannem episcopum Wigorn. ac dioc-

cesis Wigorn. nominamus, facimus, ordinamus, creamus, declaramus, et constituimus per præsentes.

Habendum, tenendum, occupandum, et gaudendum predictum episcopatum Wigorn. à festo Michaelis Archangeli ultimo præterito, eidem reverendo patri Johanni, durante vita sua naturali, si tamdiu bene se gesserit in eodem, una cum palatio, ac omnibus aliis domibus, ædificiis, dominiis, maneriis, terris, tenementis, hæreditamentis, possessionibus, et juribus, tam spiritualibus, quam temporalibus, ac omnibus aliis proficiis, commoditatibus, emolumentis, dignitatibus, auctoritatibus, jurisdictionibus, privilegiis, et præeminentiis quibuscumque, eidem episcopatu Wigorn. ac officio pastoralis ejusdem, quoquo modo spectantibus, pertinentibus, sive incumbentibus.

Cumque etiam dominus Henricus, nuper rex Angliæ octavus, pater noster præcharissimus, per literas suas patentes gerentes datam apud Westm. tertio die mensis Septembris, anno regni sui tricesimo tertio, scitum nuper monasterii beati Petri Gloucestræ, in comitatu villæ Gloucestræ, ac locum et ecclesiam ipsius in sedem episcopalem, ac in ecclesiam cathedrallem creari, erigi, fundari, et stabiliri decrevit, ad eandem ecclesiam cathedrallem, de uno decano presbytero, de uno archidiacono, et sex præbendariis presbyteris, tenore prædictarum literarum patentium, realiter, et ad plenum erexit, fundavit, ordinavit, fecit, constituit, et stabilivit, itaque, et per prædictas literas suas patentes, ordinavit, quod prædicta ecclesia esset, et ex tunc imperpetuum foret ecclesia cathedralis et sedes episcopalis, ac quod tota villa Glocestren. ex tunc imperpetuum esset civitas, ipsamque civitatem Gloucestren. vocari, appellari, et nominari voluit et decrevit, ac ipsam civitatem et comitatum ejusdem civitatis, ac totum et integrum comitatum Gloucestræ, prout per metas et limites dignoscantur et limitantur, ab omni jurisdictione, auctoritate, et diocesi episcoporum Wigorn. Eboracen. et Hereforden. ac successorum suorum, et eorum cujuslibet pro tempore existentium, separavit, exemit, exoneravit, et omnimodo per prædictas literas suas patentes liberavit, ac omnem jurisdictionem episcopalem infra easdem civitatem et comitatum ejusdem civitatis, ac totum comitatum Gloucestræ prædicto episcopo Gloucestren. à prædicto nuper rege per literas suas patentes nominando, eligendo, et successoribus suis episcopis Gloucestrensis prædicto episcopatu Gloucestren. adjunxit et univit, ac ex dicta civitate et comitatu ejusdem civitatis, et ex toto comitatu Gloucestræ, diocesim fecit et ordinavit, illamque diocesim Gloucestrensem imperpetuum similiter vocari, appellari, nuncupari, et nominari voluit et ordinavit.

Et, ut illa sua intentio debitum et liberorem fortiretur effectum, prædictus nuper rex quendam Johannem Wakeman, clericum, ad episcopatum dictæ sedis Gloucestren. nominavit et elegit, ac ipsum Johannem Wakeman episcopum Gloucestren. per prædictas literas suas patentes nominavit, et creavit.

Et ulterius voluit, concessit, et ordinavit, quod idem episcopus esset corpus corporatum in re et nomine, ipsumque pro uno corpore declaravit, acceptavit, ordinavit, fecit, et constituit, haberetque successionem perpetuam, prout similiter per prædictas literas suas patentes, inter alia, plenius liquet et apparet.

Quæ quidem sedes episcopalis ad præsens vacua in manibus regiis, ratione et occasione resignationis, renunciationis, ac sursum-redditionis supradicti reverendi patris Johannis Hoperi, nuper Gloucestren. episcopi, existit; et quia prædicta civitas Gloucestr. et comitatus ejusdem civitatis ac comitatus Gloucestren. priusque facti fuerunt Gloucestrensis diocesis, ac ante confectionem prædictarum literarum patentium prædicto Johanni Wakeman, episcopo Gloucestren. facti fuerunt temporibus retroactis, partim infra dioceses Eboracensem et Herefordensem, ac præcipue infra diocesim Wigorniensem, ac episcoporum pro tunc existentium.

Nos præmissa scientes, considerantesque, ac pro diversis, justis, et legitimis causis ad hoc specialiter moventibus, nec non de advisamento Concilii nostri, ecclesiam cathedralem prædictam, ac civitatem Gloucestren. prædictam, et comitatum ejusdem civitatis, ac totum comitatum nostrum Gloucestren. nec non villam et parochiam de Kyngeswood infra dictum comitatum Gloucestriæ, prout per metas, limites, et bundas dinoscuntur et limitantur, ab omni jurisdictione, auctoritate, et diocese episcoporum Gloucestren. Eboracen. Bristoll. et Hereforden. ac successorum suorum, et eorum cujuslibet pro tempore existentium, separamus, dividimus, eximimus, exoneramus, et omnimodo per præsentem imperpetuum liberamus, ac omnem jurisdictionem episcopalem infra prædictam ecclesiam cathedralem et civitatem Gloucestr. ac infra totum comitatum ejusdem civitatis, nec non infra totum et integrum comitatum nostrum Glouc. ad villam et parochiam de Kyngeswood prædicta, ac infra totum archidiaconatum Gloucestriæ, et archidiaconatum ejusdem, in diocesim Wigorniensem imperpetuum convertimus, transferimus, adjungimus, unimus, annectimus, et de novo restituimus, ac ea omnia et singula parcellam diocesis Wigorn. et episcopatus Wigorn. realiter, et in plenum creamus, facimus et stabilimus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturam, et pro sic stabiliri, ac imperpetuum inviolabiliter observari ab omnibus subditis nostris volumus, et jubemus per præsentem.

Ecclesiamque cathedralem Glouc. prædictam, ac civitatem Gloucestr. et comitatum ejusdem civitatis, ac totum et integrum comitatum nostrum Gloucestr. prædictum, nec non villam et parochiam de Kyngeswood prædicta, ac totum archidiaconatum Glouc. et archidiaconatum ejusdem parcellam dictæ diocesis Wigorn. et episcopatus Wigorn. imperpetuum vocari, appellari, et nominari, tam in locis ante hæc tempora exemptis, quam non exemptis.

Volumus, ac per præsentes imperpetuum ordinamus prædictum episcopatum Gloucestren. et corpus suum, ac successionem suam prædictam, et nomen episcopi Gloucestren. prædicti, in re et in nomine, per præsentes dissolvimus et adnichilamus, corpusque discorporatum dissolutumque declaramus et facimus, ac successionem suam prædictam penitus determinatam dissolutamque declaramus, et in quantum in nobis est, irritam et vacuum facimus per præsentes.

Ecclesiæ cathedralis Gloucestriæ dignitatibus, libertatibus, juribus, commoditatibus, et privilegiis omnibus et singulis, tam per nos, quam per percharissimum patrem et progenitorem nostrum eidem ecclesiæ cathedrali, ac decano et capitulo ejusdem præantea factis et concessis, in omnibus, et per omnia, exceptis et omnimodo reservatis.

Et ulterius, Nos, de abundanti liberalitate nostra, ac pro diversis justis et legitimis causis ad hoc specialiter moventibus, ecclesiam cathedralem Gloucestren. prædictam ac civitatem Gloucestren. et comitatum ejusdem civitatis, ac totum et integrum comitatum nostrum Gloucestren. prædictum, nec non villam et parochiam de Kyngeswood prædicta, ac totum archidiaconatum Gloucestren. et archidiaconatum ejusdem, ac successores suos archidiaconatos Gloucestr. qui pro tempore est, et erunt, nec non cætera omnia et singula loca prædicta (etiam si exempta, aut alicujus, vel aliquarum peculiaris jurisdictionis, aut jurisdictionum ante hæc tempora fuerint vel extiterint) una cum præcinctibus et territoriis eorumdem, ac cujuslibet inde parcellæ, vel eorum alicujus, prout per metas, limites, et bundas dinoscuntur et limitantur, ab omni jurisdictione episcopali, auctoritate, et diœcese cæterorum quorumcumque episcoporum, seu aliorum hominum, præterquam jurisdictione, auctoritate, et diœcese Wigorn. ac episcopi ibidem, et successorum suorum episcoporum Wigorn. pro tempore existentium, separamus, eximimus, exoneramus, ac imperpetuum per præsentes liberamus.

Ac omnem jurisdictionem episcopalem infra ecclesiam cathedralem Gloucestren. prædictam, ac civitatem Gloucestr. ac com. ejusdem civitatis, ac infra totum et integrum com. nostrum Gloucestren. prædictum necnon infra villam et parochiam de Kyngeswood prædicta, ac infra totum archidiaconatum Gloucestren. prædictum, ac archidiaconatum ejusdem, ac successores suos archidiaconos Gloucestren. qui pro tempore est, aut imposterum erunt, ac infra omnia et singula loca prædicta, tam exempta, quam non exempta, una cum præcinctibus et territoriis eorumdem, ac cujuslibet inde parcellæ, vel eorum alicujus, superius nominata et assignata, prædicto patri Johanni Hopero, episcopo Wigorn. moderno, et successoribus suis Wigorn. episcopis, ac episcopatui Wigorn. adjungimus, unimus, et per præsentes imperpetuum annectimus, eaque omnia et singula infra diœcesim Wigorn. creari, erigi, fundari, et imperpetuum stabiliri decernimus, ac parcellam diœcesis Wigorn. et episcopatus ejusdem realiter, et in plenum creamus, facimus, et stabilimus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturam ;

et

et sic stabiliri, ac inviolabiliter observari imperpetuum volumus, et per præsentem jubemus, ac ea omnia et singula superius præconcessa, una cum præcinctibus et territoriis prædictis, parcellam diœcesis Wigorn. vocari, appellari, nuncupari, et nominari volumus, ac per præsentem imperpetuum ordinamus.

Et insuper, nos, de abundantiori liberalitate nostra, nec non de avifamento concilii nostri, dedimus et concessimus supradicto reverendo patri, Johanni Hopero Wigorn. episcopo, et successoribus suis Wigorn. episcopis, quod ipse, et successores sui Wigorn. episcopi de cætero imperpetuum (si tamdiu bene se gesserit et gesserint in eodem) licet et quiete, absque impedimento nostro, vel hæredum nostrorum, valeat et valeant, possit et possint archidiaconos ac præbendarios quoscumque infra ecclesias cathedrales Wigorn. et Gloucestr. prædictas, conferre et donare, quoties et quando contingeret, eos, sive eorum aliquem, per mortem, resignationem, deprivationem, seu aliter quocumque modo vacare, clericos itaque quoscumque idoneos infra totam et integram diœcesim Wigorn. prædictam, ac infra omnia et singula loca, tam exempta, quam non exempta, et territoria ejusdem, ac eorum cujuslibet parcellam diœcesis Wigorn. prædictæ, per literas nostras patentes ad præsens factam, ubicumque oriundos, et alios quoscumque in ea parte legitime dimissos et licentiatos, ad omnes etiam sacros et presbyteratos ordines legitime ordinare et promovere, præsentatosque ad beneficia aliqua ecclesiastica quæcumque, infra totam et integram diœcesim Wigorn. prædictam, et jurisdictionem ejusdem, tam infra loca exempta, quam non exempta, existentia et constituta, admittere, ac in, et de eisdem instituere et investire, ac eos, seu eorum aliquem ab eisdem, sive eorum aliquo destituere, et si ita res exigat, penitus repellere et amovere. Nec non beneficia et promotiones ecclesiasticas quascumque ad collationem, præsentationem, et liberam dispositionem supradicti reverendi patris Wigorn. episcopi spectantia sive pertinentia, conferre, præsentare, et donare libere, licite, et quiete valeat et valeant, possit et possint.

Testamentasque, et ultimas voluntates quorumcumque defunctorum infra totam et integram diœcesim Wigorn. et episcopatus ejusdem, tam infra loca exempta, quam non exempta, ac administrationes bonorum quorumcumque prædictæ diœcesis et jurisdictionis ab intestatis, seu per viam intestati decedentium, etiam cujuscumque taxæ, summæ, aut valoris fuerint aut erunt, approbare, insinuare, et committere, ac bona omnia et singula eorumdem decedentium in casibus à jure permissis sequestrare, calculumque, comotum, et ratiocinium exigere et cupere, ac alia quæcumque in ea parte necessaria, seu quomodolibet oportuna facere et perimplere. Causasque, lites, et negotia quæcumque ad forum ecclesiasticum, seu consistorium episcopalem quomodo spectantia et pertinentia, per viam querelæ seu appellationis, aut alias devolvenda, tam ad instantiam et petitionem partis vel partium, quam ex officio mero, mixto, vel promoto, audire, expedire, cognoscere, et examinare, ac ea et eas, cum suis incidentibus, emergentibus, dependentibus, annexis, et connexis quibuscumque discutere, decidere, terminare, et finire.

Ecclesias quoque cathedrales prædictas, civitates Wigorn. et Gloucestren. prædictas, ac comitatus nostros totius diœcesis Wigorn. prædictæ, nec non omnia et singula alia loca superius specificata, totumque clerum et populum eorundem, ac cujuslibet parcelæ, tam in capite quam in membris, quoties et quando opus visum fuerit et videbitur expediens prædicto reverendo patri Johanni Hopero Wigorn. episcopo, ac successoribus, suis Wigorn. episcopis visitare, ac de, et super quibuscumque criminibus, excessibus, et delictis, ad forum ecclesiasticum, seu consistorium episcopalem quoquomodo spectantibus sive pertinentibus infra totam diœcesim Wigorn. prædictam, ac infra omnia et singula loca superius præsignificata, tam exempta quam non exempta, infra totam jurisdictionem Wigorn. prædictæ, et episcopatus ejusdem commissis et perpetratis, tam ex officio mero et mixto, quam promoti, inquirere, et quoscumque delinquentes, sive criminosos, per censuras ecclesiasticas, et alia legitima juris ecclesiastici remedia, debite corrigere, reformare, et punire, vicarias itaque quoscumque generales sive officiales, nec non commissarios ac registrarios, et alios nuntios, sive ministros quoscumque, pro debite executione et expeditione præmissorum, sive eorum alicujus, deputare, nominare, facere, et præficere.

Cæteraque omnia et singula in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum, aut circa ea necessaria fuerint quomodolibet requisita, nec non cætera omnia et singula jurisdictiones, auctoritates, et potestates, ordinarias et episcopales, ac officium pastorale quovismodo tangentia, concernentia, et respicientia (præter et ultra ea, quæ ex sacris Literis divinitus esse dinoscuntur) vice, nomine, et auctoritate nostris regiis, exequi, exercere, facere et expedire, ac executioni demandare valeat et valeant, possit et possint absque impedimento nostro, vel vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum; aliqua alia donatione, concessione, sive commissione ante hæc tempora, per nos, vel aliquem progenitorum sive prædecessorum nostrorum, aut per aliquem episcopum Wigorn. in contrarium factis, datis, concessis, sive commissis in aliquo non obstantibus.

Et ulterius, de ampliori gratia nostra, certa scientia, et mero motu nostris, dedimus, et concessimus, ac restituimus, et per præsentem damus, concedimus, et restituimus præfato Johanni, episcopo Wigorn. omnia et singula dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, ac hæreditamenta quæcumque, cum pertinentiis, dicto episcopatu Wigorn. spectantia, seu quovismodo pertinentia, aut parcellam possessionum, jurium, reventionum, sive hæreditamentorum ejusdem episcopatus existentia, ac omnia et singula exitus, redditus, reventiones, et cætera proficua quæcumque dictorum dominiorum, maneriorum, et mesuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, et cæterorum præmissorum quorumcumque, et cujuslibet inde parcelæ, a festo Michaelis Archangeli ultimo præterito, hucusque provenientia, crescentia, seu emergentia, habenda præfato Johanni Hopero, episcopo Wigorn. quamdiu se bene gesserit in eodem, ex dono nostro, absque compoto, seu aliquo alio proinde nobis hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddendo, solvendo, vel faciendo, et absque alio brevi de restitutione temporalium, seu

seu aliquo brevi de Amoveas manum, aut aliquo alio brevi, prosecutione, liberatione, seu warranto quocumque, à nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo impetrando, obtinendo, seu prosequendo; aliquo actu, statuto, ordinatione, lege, provisione, prohibitione, proclamatione, restrictione, constitutione, aut consuetudine in contrarium inde antehac habitis, factis, editis, ordinatis, provis, seu usitatis, aut aliqua alia re, causa, seu materia quacumque in aliquo non obstantibus.

Et præterea, de ampliori gratia nostra volumus, ac per præsentis concedimus, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, quod hæc literæ nostræ patentes, et quodlibet verbum, sententia, et clausula in eisdem contenta, seu specificata, interpretabuntur, exponentur, capientur, intelliguntur, adjudicabuntur, et determinabuntur, tam coram nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, quam in quibuscumque curiis nostris, et curiis hæredum et successorum nostrorum, nec non in quibuscumque aliis curiis, tam spiritualibus, quam temporalibus, ac in omnibus aliis et singulis locis, ac coram quibuscumque iudicibus, iusticiariis, et aliis personis quibuscumque, et alia persona quacumque, ad maximum commodum et proficuum prædicti episcopi Wigorn. ac successorum suorum episcoporum Wigorn. et arctissime erga nos, hæredes, et successores nostros, et hoc licet nomen aut cognomen prædicti episcopi Wigorn. vel certitudo veri valoris episcopatus Wigorn. prædicti, specialiter et certitudinaliter in hiis literis nostris patentibus non exprimantur, declarentur, seu specificentur, aut aliqua omissione nominis seu cognominis alicujus peculiaris jurisdictionis infra totos comitatus Wigorn. aut Glouc. prædictos, vel aliquo alio defectu, negligentia, repugnantia, seu contrariositate, in præsentibus, aut eorum aliquo, aut eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, aut de certitudine præmissorum, aut de aliis donis, seu aliis concessionibus per nos præfato episcopo Wigorn. ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minime facta existit, aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione seu restrictione, in contrarium præmissorum seu eorum alicujus, ante hæc tempora editis, factis, seu ordinatis, vel aliqua causa, re, seu materia quacumque in aliquo non obstantibus.

Et ulterius etiam volumus, et per præsentis concedimus, ac firmiter injungendo præcipimus, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, tam cancellario et concilio nostro curiæ augmentationum et reventionum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existentibus, quam quibuscumque auditoribus, recentioribus, firmariis, et aliis officiariis, et ministris nostris quibuscumque, quod ipsi, et eorum quilibet, super solam demonstrationem harum literarum nostrarum patentium, vel irrotulamenti earumdem, absque aliquo alio brevi seu warranto à nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo impetrando, obtinendo, seu prosequendo, plenam, integram, et debitam allocationem et solutionem præfato reverendo patri Johanni Hoppero, Wigorn. episcopo, vel assignatis, vel attornatis suis, de omnibus redditibus, proficuis, et denariorum summis quibuscumque, de prædictis maneriis, dominiis, terris, et tenementis, ac cæteris præmissis omnibus et singulis, aut aliqua inde parcella, exeuntibus, provenientiis, seu renovantibus,

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Cæteraque omnia et singula in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum, aut circa ea necessaria fuerint quomodolibet requisita, nec non cætera omnia et singula jurisdictiones, auctoritates, et potestates, ordinarias et episcopales, ac officium pastorale quovismodo tangentia, concernentia, et respicientia (præter et ultra ea, quæ ex sacris Literis divinitus esse dinoscuntur) vice, nomine, et auctoritate nostris regiis, exequi, exercere, facere et expedire, ac executioni demandare valeat et valeant, possit et possint absque impedimento nostro, vel vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum; aliqua alia donatione, concessione, sive commissione ante hæc tempora, per nos, vel aliquem progenitorum sive prædecessorum nostrorum, aut per aliquem episcopum Wigorn. in contrarium factis, datis, concessis, sive commissis in aliquo non obstantibus.

Et ulterius, de ampliori gratia nostra, certa scientia, et mero motu nostris, dedimus, et concessimus, ac restituimus, et per præsentem damus, concedimus, et restituimus præfato Johanni, episcopo Wigorn. omnia et singula dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, ac hæreditamenta quæcumque, cum pertinentiis, dicto episcopatu Wigorn. spectantia, seu quovismodo pertinentia, aut parcelam possessionum, jurium, reventionum, sive hæreditamentorum ejusdem episcopatus existentia, ac omnia et singula exitus, redditus, reventiones, et cætera proficua quæcumque dictorum dominiorum, maneriorum, et mesuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, et cæterorum præmissorum quorumcumque, et cujuslibet inde parcelæ, a festo Michaelis Archangeli ultimo præterito, hucusque provenientia, crescentia, seu emergentia, habenda præfato Johanni Hopero, episcopo Wigorn. quamdiu se bene gesserit in eodem, ex dono nostro, absque compoto, seu aliquo alio proinde nobis hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddendo, solvendo, vel faciendo, et absque alio brevi de restitutione temporalium, seu

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Et ulterius etiam volumus, et per præsentis concedimus, ac firmiter injungendo præcipimus, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, tam cancellario et concilio nostro curiæ augmentationum et reventionum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existentibus, quam quibuscumque auditoribus, recentioribus, firmariis, et aliis officiariis, et ministris nostris quibuscumque, quod ipsi, et eorum quilibet, super solam demonstrationem harum literarum nostrarum patentium, vel irrotulamenti earundem, absque aliquo alio brevi seu warranto à nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo impetrando, obtinendo, seu prosequendo, plenam, integram, et debitam allocationem et solutionem præfato reverendo patri Johanni Hopero, Wigorn. episcopo, vel assignatis, vel attorneyis suis, de omnibus redditibus, proficuis, et denariis summis quibuscumque, de prædictis maneriis, dominiis, terris, et tenementis, ac cæteris præmissis omnibus et singulis, aut aliqua inde parcella, exeuntibus, provenientiis, seu renovan-
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ti^{bus}, facient, et fieri causabunt, et hæ literæ nostræ patentes erunt annuatim de tempore in tempus, tam dicto cancellario et concilio curiæ augmentationum et reventionum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existentibus, quam quibuscumque auditoribus, receptoribus, firmariis, ac aliis officiariis et ministris nostris quibuscumque, sufficiens warrantum et exoneratio in hac parte.

Volumus etiam, et per præsentis concedimus reverendo patri Johanni Wigorn. episcopo, quod habeat et habebit has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Angliæ debito modo factas et sigillatas, absque fine, seu feodo magno vel parvo nobis in Hanaperio nostro, seu alibi, ad usum nostrum quoquomodo reddendo, solvendo, seu faciendo; et hoc, absque aliquo alio brevi seu warranto proinde à nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo impetrando; sed quod hæ literæ nostræ patentes erunt annuatim sufficiens warrantum et exoneratio cancellario nostro Angliæ in hac parte.

Eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, aut de aliquo alio valore vel certitudine præmissorum, sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis, sive concessionibus per nos præfato reverendo patri Johanni Wigorn. episcopo, ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, sive restrictione in contrarium factis, editis, ordinatis, sive provis, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstantibus. In cujus rei, &c.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Maii.

Per breve de privato sigillo (x).

(x) Rym. Fœd. T. xv. p. 298.

39. *De concessione pro episcopo Wigorn. et Glouc.*

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem.

Cum per quendam actum in parlamento nostro, &c. ut supra usque apparet.

Ac cum episcopatus Wigorniae et Gloucestriae ad praesens vacui suisque pastoribus idoneis sint restituti, per liberas resignationes, renuntiationes, et sursum redditiones reverendi patris Johannis Hoperi, Wigorn. et Glouc. respective nuper episcopi, et ob id collatio praedictorum episcopatum ad munus nostrum regium juste pertinere dinoscatur.

Cumque ad notitiam nostram devenit, quod fructus, redditus, et proventus praedicti nuper episcopatus Gloucestr. fuerint, et sint, admodum exigui et tenues, quoad sustentationem nuper episcopi, nec verisimiliter ad sustentationem ejusdem episcopi in futurum sufficere poterint, quodque etiam temporis qualitas, et locorum vicinitas nos invitat, ut episcopatus Wigorn. et Glouc. unire debeamus; quoniam nec longe a se itineris intervallo semoti aut sejuncti sunt, nec tanta populi multitudo est, ut, sicut nuper fuit, duos habere debeant pastores, sed sub uno idoneo episcopo, et vigilantissimo pastore, populus utriusque diocesis Wigorn. et Glouc. satis commode pasci, et spiritualiter erudiri et gubernari poterit.

Nos igitur, utilitati dictorum episcopatum, ecclesiarum cathedralium eorundem digne prospicere cupientes, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, nec non auctoritate nostra regia suprema et ecclesiastica, qua fungimur in hac parte, praedictos nuper episcopatus et dioceses Wigorn. et Glouc. ac omnes et omnimodas jurisdictiones jura dignitates et privilegia omnia et singula praedictis episcopatibus, aut eorum alteri spectantia sive pertinentia episcopo Wigorn. et Glouc. eorumque pro tempore existenti, unimus, annectimus, adjungimus, et incorporamus, ac ex dictis duobus episcopatibus, et diocesibus unum episcopum, pastorem, et dioecesanum esse volumus, ordinamus, et stabilimus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturum, et pro sic ordinari, et imperpetuum stabiliri, ac inviolabiliter observari ab omnibus subditis nostris volumus et jubemus per praesentes; et quod episcopus Wigorn. et Glouc. quicumque impofterum fuerit, aut erit, et successores sui, per nomen, et sub nomine episcopi Wigorn. et Glouc. nuncupatur, appelletur, et nominetur, nuncupentur, appellentur, et nominentur.

Notque etiam ulterius scrutantes, et praemissa considerantes, cupientesque populum nostrum praedictarum diocesum Wigorn. et Glouc. juxta divi Pauli normam digne pasci, et spiritualiter gubernari, episcopum idoneum atque pastorem vigilantem ibidem praeficiendo duximus et ducimus per praesentes.

Sciatis igitur, quod nos,

Adjudicantes et satis scientes reverendum patrem Johannem Hoperum, prædictorum episcopatum Wigorn. et Glouc. respectively nuper episcopum, personam idoneam esse ad episcopatus Wigorn. et Glouc. supradictos modo vacantes, tam propter singularem, &c. ut supra. — Concedimus præfato reverendo patri Johanni Hopero episcopatus Wigorn. et Glouc. ac eundem Johannem Hoperum in episcopum Wigorn. et Glouc. transferimus per præsentem, ac ipsum Johannem episcopum Wigorn. et Glouc. ac diocesis Wigorn. et Glouc. eligimus, ordinamus, facimus, creamus, declaramus, et constituimus per præsentem.

Et volumus, ac per præsentem concedimus et ordinamus, quod idem episcopus Wigorn. et Glouc. sit corpus corporatum in re et nomine, ipsumque pro uno corpore declaramus, acceptamus, ordinamus, facimus, et constituimus per præsentem imperpetuum, habeatque successionem perpetuam, ac quod ipse et successores sui per nomen, et sub nomine episcopi Wigorn. et Glouc. nominabitur, vocabitur, nominabuntur vocabuntur imperpetuum, ac quod ipse et successores sui per idem nomen, et sub ipso nomine prosequi, clamare, et placitare ac implicitari

Et per idem nomen, maneria, dominia, terras ——— capere, recipere, gaudere — ac generaliter omnia alia et singula recipere — gaudere, dare, concedere, onerare, et facere, prout et eisdem modo et forma, quibus episcopus Coventren. et Lichfelden. aut episcopus Bathon. et Wellen. seu cæteri episcopi infra hoc regnum nostrum Angliæ, recipere, dare, concedere, onerare, aut facere possit aut possint, valeat aut valeant, seu aliquis episcopus infra regnum nostrum Angliæ recipere, dare, concedere, onerare, aut facere possit aut valeat, et non aliter, nec ullo modo.

Habendos, tenendos, occupandos, et gaudendos prædictos episcopatus et sedes episcopales, ac dioceses Wigorn. et Glouc. una cum omnibus et singulis eorum jurisdictionibus, dignitatibus, privilegiis, præeminentiis, proficiis, et emolumentis universis prædictis episcopatibus, seu eorum alteri, jure, sive jurisdictione episcopali quoquo modo pertinentibus sive spectantibus, eidem reverendo patri Johanni Hopero durante vita sua naturali, et ea libere, inconcussa, et pacifice et quiete, si præfatus Johannes tam diu se bene gesserit erga nos in eodem.

Volumus itaque, et per præsentem constituimus, declaramus, et ordinamus, quod præfatus reverendus pater Johannes Wigorn. et Glouc. episcopus et successores sui Wigorn. et Glouc. episcopi habitabit et habitabunt, moram residentiamque faciet et facient, ac hospitabiliter fovebit et fovebunt imposterum, et deinceps singulis annis, et annuatim alternis vicibus, infra prædictas dioceses Wigorn. et Glouc. viz. per sive circa unam medietatem cujuslibet anni infra prædictam diocesim Glouc. ita tamen ut alteram ecclesiam et diocesim, cui corporaliter pro tempore præsens esse non poterit, sollicita provi-

providentique cura disponat quatinus verbum Dei et divina ministeria populo ibidem, Deo præstante, sincere et catholice prædicentur, administrantur, et peragantur.

Et ulterius, de habundantiori gratia nostra, ex certa scientia — — — ecclesias cathedrales Wigorn. et Glouc. prædictas, ac civitates Wigorn. et Glouc. ac comitatus eorundem, ac totos et integros cobutatus Wigorn. et Glouc. prædictos, ac totam illam partem comitatus Warrewici, ab antiquo infra diocesim Wigorn. existentem, nec non totam villam et parochiam de Kyngeswood juxta *Wotton under Ege* in comitatu Gloucestræ, ac archidiaconatus Wigorn. et Glouc. et archidiaconos ibidem — — — ab omni jurisdictione episcopali — — — cæterorumpue quorumcumque episcoporum — — — imperpetuum liberamus per præsentem.

Ac omnem et omnimodam jurisdictionem episcopalem infra ecclesias cathedrales et civitates nostras Wigorn. et Glouc. — — — reverendo Johanni Hopero, episcopo Wigorn. et Glouc. et successoribus suis Wigorn. et Glouc. episcopis ac episcopatibus Wigorn. et Glouc. adjungimus, unimus, et per præsentem in perpetuum annectimus, &c.

— Et insuper, nos de ampliori gratia nostra, ac ex certa scientia, et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentem damus et concedimus supradicto reverendo patri Johanni Hopero, Wigorn. et Glouc. episcopo ac successoribus suis quod — — — possit et possint archidiaconos et præbendarios quoscunque infra ecclesias cathedrales Wigorn. et Gloucestr. prædictas conferre, collare, et donare, &c. ut supra, mutatis mutandis.

In cujus rei, &c.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium octavo die Decembris.

Per ipsum regem (y).

(y) Rym. Fœd. T. XV. p. 320.

140. *Commissio ad visitandum auctoritate sedis Apostolice.*

Reginaldus, miseratione divina, sancte Marie in Cosmedin sancte Romane ecclesie diaconus cardinalis Polus, nuncupatus sanctissimi nostre pape et sedis Apostolice, ad serenissimos Philippum et Mariam Anglie reges, et universum Anglie regnum de latere legatus, venerabili in Christo patri episcopo Wigornien. salutem in Domino. Legationis, qua fungimur, officium postulat, ut ecclesias et loca in legatione nostra comprehensa, maxime ea, que Apostolice sedi immediate commendata, atque subiecta sunt, que per alium quam per Romanum pontificem, et ejus legatos visitare non possunt, visitemus, et que ibi corrigenda sint, corrigamus, ceteraque ad honorem Dei, et ipsarum ecclesiarum et locorum utilitatem instituamus, que instituenda esse videantur. Verum cum nos ipsi multis aliis ejusdem legationis occupationibus impediti, huic muneri satisfacere non possumus, id aliis prelati, quorum fidei doctrine et diligentie nobis jam perspecte confidere possumus, committendum esse duximus. Circumspectioni igitur tue cathedralem, et quaecumque alias ecclesias, ac pia loca tue civitatis, et dioceses etiam a tua jurisdictione exempta, et sedi Apostolice immediate subiecta auctoritate Apostolica semel tantum visitandi, queque ex eis correctione et emendatione indigere cognoveris, tam in capite quam in membris, prout secundum Deum et canonicas sanctiones noveris expedire, contradictores quoslibet et rebelles, per centuras ecclesiasticas, et alia juris remedia, appellatione proposita, compescendi, et, si opus fuerit, auxilium brachii secularis invocandi, et alia, que in premissis necessaria fuerint, seu quomodolibet opportuna faciendi, mandandi, ordinandi, et decernendi, eadem auctoritate Apostolica, per literas felices, &c. Julii pape tertii, t. m. sub plumbeo, quam sub forma Brevis, expeditas, ad quarum insertionem non tenemur, nobis concessa; tenore presentium concedimus facultatem, non obstantibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus Apostolicis, neque omnibus, que in premissis literis idem felices recordationis Julius tertius predictus obstatere noluit, ceterisque contrariis quibuscunque. Dat' apud Grenewich Rossen. dioc. anno a Nativitate Domini 1556, decimo sexto Kalend. Marcii, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini, domini Pauli, divina providentia pape quarti anno primo.

Reg. cardinalis Polus legatus (z).

(z) Reg. Potes, f. 21.

141. *Concessio regie majestatis collationum prebendarum in ecclesia cathedrali Wigorn. domino episcopo ibidem facta.*

Decimo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo primo, reverendus in Christo pater dominus Johannes, divina providentia Wigorn. episcopus, humiliter, cum gratiarum actione, in castro suo de Hertlebury recepit literas regie majestatis patentes verborum sequentium sub tenore, viv.

‘ ELIZABETH, Dei gratia, Anglie, Francie, et Hibernie regina, fidei defen-
 ‘ for, &c. omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, salutem. Cum Henricus
 ‘ octavus, pater noster precharissimus, per literas suas patentes gerentes datam
 ‘ apud Westm. quarto die Januarii, anno regni sui tricesimo tertio, infra scriptum
 ‘ septum circuitum ambitum et precinctum nuper cenobii sive monasterii dum
 ‘ extitit ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie virginis Wigorn. quandam ecclesiam
 ‘ cathedralem sub nomine et titulo ecclesie cathedralis Christi, et beate Ma-
 ‘ rie Virginis Wigorn. ex fundatione dicti nuper regis, patris nostri precha-
 ‘ rissimi, de uno decano presbytero, et decem presbyteris prebendariis ibidem
 ‘ omnipotenti Deo omnino et imperpetuum servituris, creavit, erexit, funda-
 ‘ vit, stabilivit, et incorporaverit, dictos decem presbyteros prebendarios, cum
 ‘ nonnullis possessionibus dotaverit, et in eisdem prebendis decem idoneas per-
 ‘ sonas in prebendarios sive incumbentes fecerit, locaverit, sive imposuerit, vi-
 ‘ delicet, in primum prebendarium dictarum decem prebendarum, quendam
 ‘ Thomam Bagarde, Legum Doctorem, primum presbyterum prebendarium,
 ‘ Johannem Browne, Artium Magistrum, secundum presbyterum prebendarium,
 ‘ et Ricardum Ewer, Sacre Theologie Bac. tertium presbyterum prebendarium,
 ‘ et Henricum Joliff, S.T.P. quartum presbyterum prebendarium, et Gilber-
 ‘ tum Bourne, in sacra theologia Bac. quintum presbyterum prebendarium, et
 ‘ Rogerum Neckam, S.T.P. sextum presbyterum prebendarium, et Johannem
 ‘ Lawerne, S.T. Bac. septimum presbyterum prebendarium ac Rogerum Stanford,
 ‘ S.T.B. octavum presbyterum prebendarium, ac Humfridum Webley, S.T.B.
 ‘ nonum presbyterum prebendarium, ac Ricardum Lisse, clericum, decimum
 ‘ presbyterum prebendarium. Cumque etiam predictus precharissimus pater
 ‘ noster per literas suas patentes reservabat sibi, heredibus, et successoribus
 ‘ suis, inter alia, plenam et integram potestatem, auctoritatem, et facultatem
 ‘ decanum et prebendarios predictos de tempore in tempus nominandi, assignandi,
 ‘ et proficiendi, quandoocumque, qualitercumque, et quotienscumque ec-
 ‘ clesiam cathedralem predictam de decano, vel prebendariis predictis, vel eo-
 ‘ rum aliquo, per mortem, resignationem, vel aliter, vacare contingerit, aliquo
 ‘ in predictis literis patentibus in contrarium non obstantibus, prout per predic-
 ‘ tas literas patentes ipsius nuper domini regis patris nostri sub magno sigillo
 ‘ suo confectis plenius liquet et apparet. *Sciatis*, quod nos, de gratia nostra
 ‘ speciali, ac de certa scientia, et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concedimus,
 ‘ ac per presentes, pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, damus et con-
 ‘ cedimus

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cedimus reverendo in Christo patri Johanni, jam Wigorn. episcopo, advocacionem, donationem, presentationem, et jura patronatus, tam nominationes, collationes, et liberas dispositiones dictarum decem prebendarum, seu earum aliqua, per mortem, cessionem, privationem, resignationem, aut aliquo alio modo quocumque, vacare contigerit. *Habendum* et tenendum advocacionem sive advocaciones, presentationem sive presentationes, jus patronatus sive jura patronatum, nominationem sive nominationes, collationem sive collationes, et liberam dispositionem sive liberas dispositiones predictarum decem prebendarum, et earum cujuslibet, prefato Johanni, Wigorn. episcopo quamdiu vixerit, et episcopus Wigorn. extiterit. Ita quod bene licebit eidem episcopo, durante vita sua, si tam diu episcopus Wigorn. fuerit, ad dictas decem prebendas, et quamlibet prebendarum predictarum, quibuscunque, quandoque, et qualitercumque dicte prebende, et earum aliqua vacare contigerit seu contigerint idonee persone, literate conferre, donare, disponere, seu presentare, et omnia et singula, que circa eadem necessaria fuerint, seu quomodolibet oportuna agere et perimplere, adeo bene, plene, et libere, prout predictus nuper rex, pater noster dum vixit, aut Edwardus, nuper rex precharissimus frater noster, aut Maria, nuper regina Anglie, precharissima soror nostra, fecerint aut fecerit, debuerunt aut debuerit, vel nos faceremus vel deberemus, si hec prefens concessio nostra inde facta non fuisset, aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, sive restrictione in contrarium edit. ordinat. sive provis. in aliquo non obstante. Eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de aliquo alio valore, vel certitudine premissorum, sive alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessis per nos, per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum prefato Johanni, episcopo Wigorn. ante hec tempora factis, in presentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, proclamatione, seu restrictione inde in contrarium ante hec tempora habit. fact. edit. ordinat. seu provis. aut aliqua re, causa, vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meip[s]a apud Westm. quarto die Augusti, anno regni nostri vicesimo tertio.

Per breve de privato sigillo (a).

(a) R. 32. Whitg. f. 19. b.

F I N I S.



*The Reader is desired to make the following
Corrections and Additions.*

IN the SURVEY, p. 5. l. 19. for *Wolstan de Bransford* and *Mortimer*, read *John de Evesham*, Prior, and Sir *James Beauchamp*, as it is alter'd p. 43. l. 27. for *guilt* r. *gilt*; p. 7. l. 3. add, 'There hath been a Tradition, that King *JOHN* built this Leaden Spire, with one or two more at *York*; but there is no certain ground for it. In *Strype's* History of the Reformation, p. 365. it is said to have been built by King *Henry* the third. By the size of the Frame and Stocks whereon the Bells hanged, left behind when they were taken away, they seem to have been of equal Weight and Tone with those at *York*, the biggest, 6600 lb. an Unison to an open Pipe of 25 Inches long, in a Paper in the hands of *John Broughton*, A.M. Schoolmaster of *Hertlebury*, Com. *Wig.* p. 17. l. 6. for *or*, r. *gules*; p. 31. l. 20. *Salwaldus*; so it is printed by our Historians, and so it was read by Mr. *Abington*; but it should be read *Oswaldus*; p. 23. l. 3. for *duce*, r. *dum*; *Ecce virens planta, patris arefcit prece sancta*; l. 19. *Paster*; l. 23.

l. 12. — — — *tisis quod curatur Paralifis.*

Quod datur in pane virus — — —

P. 24. l. 5. — *videt exoculatus*, l. 8, and 10. for *erit*, r. *fluit*; p. 37. l. 9. after of, add, *his Father's Reig*, and in the Tear of; p. 43. l. 3. for *St. r. Bishop*; l. 20. after *Templar*, add, and not of *Mortimer*, as p. 5. p. 57. l. 18. r. *patriam*; p. 66. l. 13. r. *integerrimus*; p. 69. l. 11. r. *exilium*; p. 75. l. 18. r. *Sampson*, the 25th Bishop of *Worcester*, who died *Anno Dom. 1112*. His Epitaph is to be found amongst the *Quarto MSS.* in the Library of the Cathedral-Church, at the beginning of that, numbred 66. as follows:

Epitaphium Episcopi Theoldi.

Quid valeant fundi, quid opes, quid gloria mundi
Approbat hic tumulus et caro vermiculus.
Hic aurum cœno confertur celat egeno
Indicat hic finis quid caro nostra cinis
Nuper sublimis Presul nunc unus in imis
Ecce Theolde taces, ecce putredo jaces

Nil de congestis opibus tibi nunc nisi vestis

Hec tecum tabet, coetera mundus habet.

At bona pars illa * * * * *

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P. 90. l. 6. r. ARCHBOLD ; l. 20. *absumor* ; p. 97. l. 4. r. *Londinensium* ; p. 97, l. 22 for *by*, r. Over against the Font, close to the first Pillar, below the two Steps, *stood the Altar* ; p. 105, l. 18, r. *tumulo* ; l. 24, *immaculatæ* ; p. 107, l. 7, for *out*, r. *without* ; p. 108, l. 14, r. *mentem* ; p. 110, l. 12, r. County ; p. 118, l. 12, In an Oval at the West End of the Tomb ; A.D. 1591, Aug. 22. *Brown Willis*, in his Survey of this Cathedral, says, that it was the Date when the Tomb was put up ; for that Bishop *Freake* died some Months before, his Will bearing date 21. March, 1590, and proved April 7, 1591. p. 124, after the Inscription on Mrs. *Barton's* Grave-stone, add, on another flat Stone next to it. Three Griffons Heads errated on a Fess.

Here lieth the Body of Mrs. LETITIA CLIFFE, died April 11, 1734.

After *Necchams* ——— add,

William de Beauchamp was buried before the Door of the Chapter-House, A.D. MCLXX. (c).

In the ACCOUNT,

P. 12, l. 2, after *whether*, add, *or no* ; l. 4, r. *there* ; p. 21, l. 6, after *Church*, add thirty three Cassats ; p. 48, l. 11, for *Com. Worcester*, r. in the County of *Warwick* ; p. 58, Marg. l. 1, r. *reus fuerit Wulfstanus* ; p. 68, l. 13, r. in the Parish of *Inkbarew*, adjoining to that of *Ecekenham*, and exempted from the Forest ; p. 78, l. 13, add, His Summons to the Council is to be found among *Junius's* MSS. in the *Bodleian* Library, N. 99, as follows :

Epistola Cardinalium urbis Romæ ad Wlstanum Episcopum.

Jet P. Presbyteri Cardinales SANCTI PETRI Wlstano de Wiraceastre Episcopo, salutem. Licet Romana ecclesia, circa correctionem omnium Christianorum invigilare debeat, specialius tamen eam conversationis vestre mores convenit inquirere, et Christianam Religionem, qua vos primitus instruxit, diligentia sue visitationis reparare. Hujus itaque sollicitudinis debito, Nos qualescumque beati Petri Apostoli Ministros, et vice atque auctoritate Domini nostri Pape Alexandri fultos, ad partes vestras direximus ut Concilium nobiscum celebraturi, que in vinea Domini Sabaoth male postulant, resecemus, et animarum et corporum utilitati profutura plantemus. Vestram igitur fraternitatem in partem tante sollicitudinis Apostolica auc-

(b) MS. N. 66 in ter Quartos Bibl. Eccl. Coll. Wigorn. p. 1.

(c) Annales Wigorn.
toritate

toritate invitamus, ut tertia die post proximum Pascha remota, omni occasione ad Wincestram conveniatis, et omnes Abbates Diocesis vestre ostensis his literis nostris, vobiscum venire commoneatis (d).

P. 102, l. 21, for *wrought*, r. *wrote*; p. 108, l. 4, after *this*, add *his Munificence*; p. 116, l. 7, from the bottom, r. *Lilly*; p. 142, Marg. l. 4, instead of *since*, r. *for*; p. 145, l. 4, r. *Giffry de Veterano*; p. 148, 149, Marg. blot out *Annal. Wig.* and after app. N. 65, read *For these benefits*; p. 149, l. 10, for *Henley*, r. *Hanley* near *Upton upon Severn*; p. 155, l. 6, *William de Gaynesbure* should be in Great Letters; p. 158, between the ninth and tenth Lines, insert, On the seventh of the Ides of *October* the exercise of the Spiritualities was granted to the Prior by *William Testa*, Archidiacon of *Arraven.* and *Peter Amaline*, Canon of *Burdeaux*, whom Pope *Clement* the 5th had constituted Administrators of the Archbishoprick of *Canterbury*, during the Exile of *Wittlesey*. The Original, in the Archives of the Dean and Chapter, is as follows:

Creatio Prioris et Capituli Wigorn. Officiales Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, durante vacacione Sedis, per deputatos Apostolicos.

Guilielmus Testa, Archidiaconus Aravenfis in ecclesia Conen. et Petrus Amalinus, Can. Burd. Administratores Archiepiscopatus Cantuariensis à Sede Apostolica deputati. Religioso viro Priori ecclesie Cathedralis Wygorn. salutem in Domino. Durante vacacione Sedis Episcopalis Wygorn. jam pridem per mortem bone memorie Fratris Willelmi de Geynesbury, Pastoris solatio destitute, que per denuntiationem vestram et Capituli vestri Wygorn. nobis plenius innotescit. Vos Officalem nostrum in Civitate et Diocesi Wygorn. secundum formam et effectum Compositionis dudum habite, inter felicis recordationis Dominum Bonifacium, quondam Archiepiscopum Cantuar. ex parte una, et vos et Capitulum vestrum ex alter; ad exercendam tempore vacacionis predicte, ibidem omnem jurisdictionem et potestatem Episcopalem in eadem Compositione contentam, creamus et preceimus per presentes. In testimonium vero premissorum sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' London' septimo Id' Octobris, Anno Domini M^o CCC^o septimo.

Appendet sigillum ceræ rubræ cum duobus Clavibus decussatis, inter tria humana Capita, et supra, Sancta Maria Virgo, cum puero Jesu (e).

(d) Inter MSS. Junii in Bibl. Bodl. N. 99. f. 4. (e) Originale penes Dec. et Cap. Wygorn.

P. 184, l. 9, r. *Aldington*; p. 204, l. 4, after *King*, add, On the 22^d *William*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, ordered the Spiritualities to be deliver'd to him. The Original in the Archives of the Dean and Chapter, runs thus :

Mandatum Archiepiscopi Priori Wigorn. ut liberet Spiritualia Domino Jeronimo, Episcopo.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Cant. Archiepiscopus, totius Anglie Primas, et Apostolice Sedis Legatus, venerabili et religioso Viro, Dompno Willielmo, Priori Monasterii Ecclesie Cathedralis Wigorn. in civitate et dioc. Wigorn. sede episcopali ibidem vacante Officiali nostro, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum sanctissimus in Christo Pater, et Dominus noster, Adrianus, divina providentia, Papa sextus, venerabilem fratrem nostrum, Dominum Jeronimum, ad Ecclesiam Cathedralis Wigorn. jam, ut premittitur, vacantem providerit, ipsumque eidem ecclesie prefecerit in Episcopum et Pastorem. Tibi committimus, et mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatinus omnia et singula Registra et munimenta Spiritualitatem Civitatis et Dioc. predict' concernentia, et ad Episcopum Wigorn. pertinentia, in manibus tuis nunc existentia, eidem Domino Jeronimo, aut ejus in hac parte Ministris seu Deputatis, plenarie et integre liberes seu liberari facias. Salvis nobis Registris, actis, et actitatis, coram, et per te, durante vacacione predicta, que ad nos integraliter transmitti volumus et mandamus, eundemque Dominum Jeronimum, ac ejus Officiales, et Ministros in Spiritualibus dictarum Civitatis et Dioc. libere administrare, et de eisdem disponere permittas. Reservata nobis et Ministris nostris potestate corrigendi, puniendi, et reformandi crimina excessus et defectus quorumcumque subditorum dictarum Civitatis et Dioc. nuper in visitatione ibidem auctoritate nostra legitime et actualiter exercita, Nec non levandi et colligendi, vice, nomine, et auctoritate nostris, prestationes quasunque, ac omnia alia et singula emolumenta que ad nos, ratione vacacionis Sedis episcopalis predictae pertinent, seu pertinere poterunt de consuetudine vel de jure. Juribus Archiepiscopalibus consuetudinibus dignitate et prerogativa nostris, ac ecclesie nostre metropolitana Christi Cant. in omnibus semper salvis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' in Manerio nostro de Lamehith, XXII^o die mensis Februarii, Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo secundo, et nostre translationis Anno vicesimo (f).

P. 213, l. 9, for *Priory* r. *Nunnery*.

(f) Originale per Decanum et Cap. Wigorn.

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